

Mississippi College has been listed in Edward B. Fiske's BEST BUYS IN COLLEGE EDUCATION as published by the New York Times. The publication is a compilation of approximately 200 colleges and universities nationwide considered to be bargains in education. These four members of the

Mississippi College admissions staff believe the listing will make their job a little easier. From the left are Bill Townsend, counselor; Beth Raley, counselor; Mrs. Jennifer Trussell, director of admissions; and Angela Smith, counselor.



Guess Who — You never know who (or what) the entertainment will be at a William Carey College party. New students can, however, expect to be entertained during a round of parties the first week of school.



On-To-College

SAN ANTONIO — Brett McDonald, a senior at the University of Texas at San Antonio and president of the Baptist Student Union there, is working part time at Eastern Airlines both to help pay school expenses and prepare for a career in aviation. He typifies the theme for 1988 On-to-College Day, "Directions for My Life," sponsored by the student ministry department of the Sunday School Board. Churches will observe On-To-College Day on a Sunday in August to recognize the contribution of college students. (BSSB photo by Jim Veneman)

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Effects of drought trickle down to farmers, churches

By Mark Wingfield

ATLANTA (BP) — America's summertime drought is rippling across fields of withering corn and stunted hay, putting the heat on as many as two-thirds of Southern Baptists' 37,000 churches.

Gary Farley, associate director of rural-urban missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, estimated Southern Baptists have that many churches in rural areas of less than 10,000 population. Because the economy in most of these communities is dependent on agriculture, they will take the brunt of the drought's impact, he said.

Southern Baptist leaders in the Midwest and South say they cannot yet assess the emotional and financial impact the lack of rain will have on Baptist farmers and rural churches. For now, they are praying fervently for rain and pouring out tears of compassion for farmers who have lost an entire year's work.

In some areas, such as Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Georgia, rain has finally begun to fall, easing the burden of farmers whose crops are not already lost.

But across the corn belt and northern plains, no relief is in sight. The United States Agriculture Depart-

ment estimated the drought could cost the nation \$5 billion to \$10 billion in crop loss this year.

Domestic hunger relief funds from the Home Mission Board already have been used to assist families of farmers, farm laborers, and workers along the Mississippi River, reported Don Anders of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Letting a farm family know it is being prayed for is an important act of ministry. "Sometimes you just need to stand around and cry with people," Farley said.

Mark Wingfield writes for the Home Mission Board.

Pakistan authorizes Islamic rule

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (EP) — Pakistan is now under Islamic law; its civilian courts are authorized to strike down laws inconsistent with Islamic law, following a sweeping political move by President Mohammed Zia ul Haq.

General Zia dismissed the civilian government of Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo on May 29, saying Junejo had failed to further Islamization. Zia has been trying to bring the country under Islamic law since 1979. He has promised free elec-

set a date for them.

More than 90 percent of Pakistanis are Moslems; many apparently feel the country's government has always had a strong secular orientation.

Another 1.8 percent of the country's 83 million population is Christian.

In the wake of the move to Islamic rule, Christians in Pakistan can expect to be "further put into a second-class status," said Woodberry, who teaches Islamic studies at Fuller Seminary.

"Islam is a religion that is a total way of life, said Woodberry. He said

that Pakistani Christians there already experience discrimination, although up until now it has been primarily in terms of social status. The discrimination may now have legal implications as well.

However, Islamic law "has a place for 'Dhimi' — people of the book," said Woodberry, who explained that people of religions who have a book from God (including Jews and Christians), "are in a protected minority status" and do not have to convert to Islam as a provision of the law.

Baptist beliefs . . .

The demanding Christ

Benefits and values

In addition there is professional stu-

There is ample opportunity for students in any field of learning to obtain a quality Christian education in Mississippi. The benefits and values to be gained from attending one of these fine institutions and receiving a first-rate education in a Christian atmosphere and from a Christian perspective will be realized immediately and throughout life.

"Deny himself" means to regard one-self as non-existent in favor of absolute loyalty to Christ. A person's will is submerged in the will of Christ. As someone said, it is "none of self and all of thee."

One's cross is not some personal burden to be borne — sickness, financial problems, a wayward mate or child. In crucifixion the Romans required the victim to bear his own cross to the place of execution. This was required even of Jesus. Such was a familiar sight to the apostles. So they fully understood the meaning of Jesus' words.

As Jesus bore his cross to Calvary for us, so we must be willing to walk in the steps of the Savior in bearing our cross for him. We must be willing to die for him, if necessary.

We are saved by grace or as a gift from God through the atoning death of our Savior. But grace makes its demands. The Christian life is not a frolic but a fight. We should not expect to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease. If necessary, we are to sail through bloody seas.

Jesus does not ask us to do for him what he has not already done for us. But he has the right to expect us to do no less for him.

Herschel H. Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Guest opinion . . .

Does Gorbachev believe in God?

MOSCOW, USSR (EP) — Does Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev believe in God? That's a question U.S. President Ronald Reagan didn't get to ask during their recent Moscow summit. In the August issue of *Life* magazine, Reagan said, "I had that curiosity for a time because I was so

surprised at his use of the name 'God.' A Soviet interpreter explained that Gorbachev invoked the deity's name as part of a "commonplace" expression, rather than as a profession of faith. "It was just a form of expression: god with a small g"

Aren't we forgetting something?

By W. Levon Moore

pression of doctrinal belief. It has served us well and will continue to serve us well as long as it is allowed to perform the statement's intended purpose. However, those who treat this human document as sacred scripture have lost sight of the role of Holy Scripture as well as those historic Baptist principles regarding the believer's relation to Holy Scripture.

All are agreed that we need doctrinal purity. But wait a minute! Aren't we forgetting something?

Aren't we forgetting that the basic unit of Southern Baptist life is not the theological seminary, the denominational agency or board, or convention leadership? Aren't we forgetting that the heart of our life is the local church?

Those who wish to apply the requirements of doctrinal soundness just to denominational leaders are trying to produce good fruit by pruning the branches without giving attention to the roots of the plant. We must remember that our denominational roots are in the churches. Whatever doctrinal purity or impurity we have is due, primarily, to success or failure in discipleship at the local church level.

Practically every denominational leader and teacher in Southern Baptist life is a member of a local Baptist church. Whether sound in the faith or unsound, these leaders are the products of local churches. If doctrinal impurity is demonstrated by any of these individuals, why are their churches not taking corrective actions? Most graduates leave the seminaries with the same basic beliefs which they carried to the seminaries. This, coupled with the fact that most of our people never see or touch a seminary campus, magnifies the truth that what most Southern Baptists believe comes not from denominational institutions but from local churches.

The responsibility for doctrinal soundness in Southern Baptist life rests largely upon those who fill Southern Baptist pulpits and those who are leaders within the churches. Most Southern Baptists, including those who fill positions of leadership within the denomination, believe what they believe, primarily, because they have heard it proclaimed from the pulpits and classrooms of their churches.

I am not suggesting that all pastors and Sunday School teachers be re-

quired to sign a doctrinal statement prepared by others. I am, however, suggesting that churches accept the responsibility for assuring that what is proclaimed from their pulpits and taught in their classrooms is as doctrinally sound as that which is heard in seminary classrooms. This observation strongly implies that more attention should be given to the selection of those who preach in our pulpits and those who teach in our Sunday Schools.

My ministry has carried me into many types of churches. I am convinced that the greatest diversity of theological teaching in Southern Baptist life is not in the seminaries but in local churches. I have heard doctrinal interpretations taught in some Sunday School classrooms and preached from some pulpits which would be branded heresy if taught in a theological seminary. This is not an attack upon individuals or churches. Rather, it is a call for the exercise of more responsibility within local churches for doctrinal soundness.

More care should be exercised by churches in approving young men and women for acceptance by the seminaries. Efforts should be made to

insure the doctrinal integrity of these future leaders before they enter the seminary. Also, more care should be given to the process of ordination. Churches are ordaining too many individuals who demonstrate neither doctrinal integrity nor denominational loyalty.

I maintain that we are overlooking something vitally important. In efforts to insure doctrinal purity, we are working at the wrong end of our denominational structure. If we will give more attention to our theological "roots," our denominational "branches" will produce more normal and healthy fruit. The answer to our problem is not in the signing of statements, which may be used to require doctrinal uniformity. Instead, it is in developing reservoirs of doctrinally sound biblical literature within our churches. Our churches are the reservoirs from which will be drawn denominational leaders and teachers of the future.

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Broadcasters give two awards to MC radio station WHJT-FM

WHJT-FM, the radio station at Mississippi College, 93.5 on the dial, received honors at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Broadcasters Association in Biloxi. Coverage Award and General Manager Russ Robinson was honored with a Certificate of Excellence for the best 30-second spot announcement. The station received the top Sports

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SBC leaders to get film screening

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — Universal Studios is rushing the theater release of its controversial film, "The Last Temptation of Christ," to Aug. 12, and has indicated it will honor a request by Southern Baptist leaders for a private screening of the Martin Scorsese movie.

The decision to hurry the release of the film was made by Universal Studios-Cineplex Odeon Films Aug. 4, according to Universal publicists, who said the decision was so "sudden people are all scrambling."

A spokesman in the office of Sally Van Slyke, director of publicity for

Universal, said a decision was made Friday morning, Aug. 5, to have a screening for "select leadership of the Christian community. They will be shown the final print, exactly what will be shown in theaters. A number of leaders have expressed their concern and interest to see the film and we are trying to accommodate them."

He added Universal has been contacted by Larry Braidfoot, general counsel of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and the CLC representative is being invited to attend the New York screening.

Braidfoot told Baptist Press he had made two telephone calls and sent 10

letters, including two express-mail packages, to Universal officials since June 26, and, as of mid-day Friday, Aug. 5, had received no response.

In a letter to Universal's publicity director, Braidfoot noted the calls from "a number of individuals from the broader religious community who have advocated a boycott of the movie. It is entirely possible that this office might issue such a call to our 15 million members."

"We want to be very cautious in doing so," he added.

In the letter, he said a preview "would assist us in forming opinions objectively on a basis of firsthand

viewing rather than on inferences from an original script or secondhand reporting."

He said SBC President Jerry Vines, co-pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., had agreed to help arrange a small group of SBC leaders who would agree to view the film.

Vines, who has criticized the film as perhaps "the most offensive film yet to be produced in the United States," told Baptist Press he agreed to assist the preview effort, but added: "I myself would not view the film, because it is part of my lifestyle that I don't attend movies. I am not condemning others who do; I just don't."

But I would be willing to get together a representative group of Southern Baptists who would be willing to do so."

Braidfoot said a July 12 screening in New York City did not include any Southern Baptist leader "who works with our general leadership or with moral issues."

He told Baptist Press he has "no doubt that much of the handling of the movie has been done by Universal to create a controversy which would heighten publicity. That would increase Universal's profits."

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Workshop of ideas on mass evangelism opens Aug. 22



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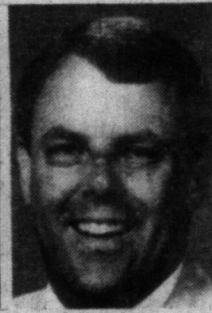
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"Good revivals take preparation," says Guy Henderson, evangelism director for Mississippi Baptists. And preparation is what an upcoming Mississippi conference on mass evangelism is all about.

Actually, its called a national con-

ference on revival preparation and is being promoted as a "workshop of ideas." Sponsored by the Evangelism Department, MBCB, and the Home Mission Board, the meeting will take place in Jackson at Alta Woods Baptist Church on Aug. 22-23. It begins on

Monday at 9:55 a.m. and concludes at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

Besides Henderson, leaders include Richard Harris, Thad Hamilton, and Tom McEachern of the Home Mission Board; Jay Brown, Kentucky Baptist evangelism director; Cliff Duvall of

the Georgia Baptist Convention; Harper Shannon, associate executive director of the Alabama Baptist Convention; and James Merritt, pastor of First Church, Snellville, Ga., and former pastor of Highland Church, Meridian.

Music leader for the meeting will be Ray Jones, minister of music at First Church, Kenner, La.

Following is a list of topics to be discussed during the sessions: Theology of revivalism, evangelistic preaching, the evangelistic invitation, choosing an evangelistic team, revival counseling, revival preparation workshop, media evangelism, prospect discovery, revival music, financing a revival meeting, follow-through, and a discussion of the pastor/evangelist expectations of one another.

A \$10 registration fee will include materials and two meals. Make checks payable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Write Guy Henderson, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Childcare proposal clears legislative hurdle

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — A major childcare proposal has cleared another legislative hurdle, receiving approval by a U.S. Senate committee.

The Act for Better Child Care Services — known as the ABC bill — was approved without dissent by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee July 27 after the bill's sponsor and one of its harshest critics agreed to work toward a compromise before the bill reaches the Senate floor.

The bill, which was approved by the House Subcommittee on Human Resources in late June, would authorize the distribution of \$2.5 billion in fiscal 1989 — and additional

funds in the subsequent four fiscal years — to states for childcare services for children up to age 15.

Under the proposal, states would be required to use 75 percent of the funds to provide parents with grants or vouchers for the purchase of childcare services from licensed providers. States would be able to use up to 15 percent of the funds in areas such as resource and referral services, salary upgrading, and training and up to 10 percent for administrative costs.

The bill would target assistance to families whose incomes do not exceed 100 percent of the state median income — \$32,777 nationwide for a family of four — with a priority for children from low-income families.

In a surprise move, Sens.

Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, pledged to seek a compromise on the legislation prior to taking it before the full Senate.

"We're not arguing any longer about whether we ought to have child care," said Dodd, Senate sponsor of the ABC bill. "And apparently we're not talking about money, since the vice president has a \$2.2 billion proposal."

Vice President George Bush proposed a plan July 24 that would give low-income families a \$1,000-per-child tax credit for use in helping cover childcare costs.

One of the bill's most controversial provisions relates to childcare centers operated by religious institutions. About one-third of all daycare ser-

vices in the nation are provided by church-related facilities.

Under the bill's current language — which has been amended since originally introduced — childcare centers sponsored by religious institutions could qualify for ABC funds if they avoid religious instruction, worship, or other sectarian activities. Church-related facilities could not use federal funds to build new facilities and could not discriminate on the basis of religion against children whose care is subsidized with federal funds.

But the new language would allow church-related childcare providers to exercise religious preference in hiring employees and, in some cases, to use

federal funds to repair or renovate facilities.

Those provisions have drawn criticism from a variety of religious and church-state organizations, including the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In a joint letter, the two agencies asked members of the Senate and House of Representatives to work toward a bill that "maintains state as opposed to federal regulation, includes adequate safeguards to ensure the separation of church and state; stresses tax incentives; establishes new federal programs only after clearly demonstrated need, and targets those programs for the benefit of lower income families."

Education Issue

Mississippi College rockets to new heights

By Norman Gough

While the State of Mississippi is basking in the limelight of technological advancement in regard to the nation's space program, a relatively small private liberal arts college in the center of the state has lifted off toward new orbits of leadership and service in the area of education.

Mississippi College, the state's oldest institution of higher learning and Baptist supported since 1850, rocketed to new heights in its 20th year of leadership under President Lewis Nobles. There was unprecedented growth in the area of financial support, new student enrollment, national prominence for academic excellence, and new opportunities for service and leadership.

The exciting "space trip" is expected to continue as the college prepares for its 163rd academic session which opens on Aug. 27. The enrollment outlook is excellent, new courses and programs have been approved, many improvements have been made to the physical plant, and new enthusiasm seems to permeate the faculty, staff, and students as they prepare for the new school year.

In his year-end letter to friends and supporters, President Nobles sparked this new flame of enthusiasm in his response to the unprecedented growth.

"You made it happen! You see, you — along with thousands of others — believed in us, accepted our challenges, shared our burdens and dreamed our dreams. You worked, you gave time, you prayed, you provided positive influence and you supported us financially — oftentimes sacrificially. I am indebted to you for your unselfishness; I am humbled by your generosity; I am indeed grateful," wrote Nobles.

Continuing his praise for college support, Nobles said, "You have lifted Mississippi College above the crowd to a level that made college presidents and trustees dream about, but few ever realize. While we have not reached the state of "weightlessness," the

tremendous thrust upward and outward in 1987-88 toward fulfilling our role in God's work in Christian higher education proved to be the most exhilarating and thrilling experience of my lifetime. We've not quite reached our orbit, but then we aren't ready to settle into an orbit just yet. There is more to be done!"

Among the institutional highlights during the recently completed year were 56 consecutive years of operation "in the black," a \$17.4 million operational budget; \$3.6 million in gifts to the college, the sixth consecutive year that gifts have exceeded the \$3 million mark; a nine percent increase in donors to the Annual Fund; and friends and supporters pledged in excess of the \$40 million goal to the MISSISSIPPI MISSION campaign, 51 percent of which will be for the support of Mississippi College.

National recognition came to the college when the latest edition of "The Best Buys in College Education," published by the NEW YORK TIMES, included Mississippi College among the top 200-plus institutions promoted in the publication. The college ranks in the top eight percent of all private colleges in the nation in the number of graduates who later earn a doctorate in a research field.

Although the blastoff has occurred, orbit could come close in the new school year at hand and hopefully the space journey will continue for many years to come.

There's no doubt that "orbit" is on the minds of the office of admissions personnel as they gear up for the new school year.

"It's hard to control your enthusiasm when you see what's happening at Mississippi College and the calibre of student that is being attracted to our academic offerings," said Mrs. Jennifer Trussell, director of admissions.

"We have 17 of Mississippi's National Merit Finalists who have announced their intentions of enrolling at Mississippi College for the new school year and the entire freshman

class should be one of the finest we've ever had," said Trussell. She should know, for her admissions counselors have visited every nook and cranny in the state, plus areas throughout the Southeast, in search of outstanding students who meet Mississippi College criteria.

The admissions office report of Aug. 1 showed an increase over last year's figures in nearly every category in which the office maintains stats. This is encouraging as last year's applications were up 27 percent over the previous year. A positive statistic in the year's report is that more applicants have paid their tuition deposit fees than was the case last year, indicating a seriousness about attending the college.

"It looks as though we will have another capacity group in most of our residence halls," said Trussell, "and the list should grow the closer we get to actual registration." Applications will continue to be accepted through early September, while the last day of adding or dropping a class is Sept. 16.

The 1988-89 student body will be a cosmopolitan group similar to that of last year. During the 162nd academic session students came from 74 of the 82 Mississippi counties, from 34 of the 50 states and from seven foreign countries.

The fall semester officially gets underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, as freshmen students report for residence hall assignments and general orientation. The orientation process begins at 1 p.m. in Provine Chapel as parents and students gather to be introduced to the administration and Student Body Association leaders. The associate dean of students for both men and women will be on hand to welcome parents and their offspring, while others will explain various rules and regulations.

At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday the new students will begin academic advising sessions with faculty members, while parents will be hosted at a reception in the B.C. Rogers Student Center by Dr. and Mrs. Nobles. The parents will likewise be guests of the college for the evening meal in the cafeteria.

"Life on Campus" will be the subject for a 6 p.m. session for students in the Hall of Fame Room of the B.C. Rogers Student Center. They will become better acquainted with student life and activities and have the opportunity of meeting personally the SBA leaders. The day will close out with a 7 p.m. ice cream party.

Sunday will find the first-year students attending the church services of various churches in the greater Clinton area. They will visit Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton for morning services and a noon luncheon and then will visit Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson for Sunday evening worship.

From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday President and Mrs. Nobles will welcome the students with a reception in their home across from the main campus.

Freshmen and transfers will continue orientation on Monday, Aug. 29, with transfers congregating at 8:30 a.m. in Provine Chapel and freshmen at 9 a.m. in Swor Auditorium of Nelson Hall. These sessions will be followed by more academic advising and preparation of class schedules throughout the day.

Registration

Registration will get underway in earnest on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the A. E. Wood Coliseum, as transfers begin (Continued on page 8)



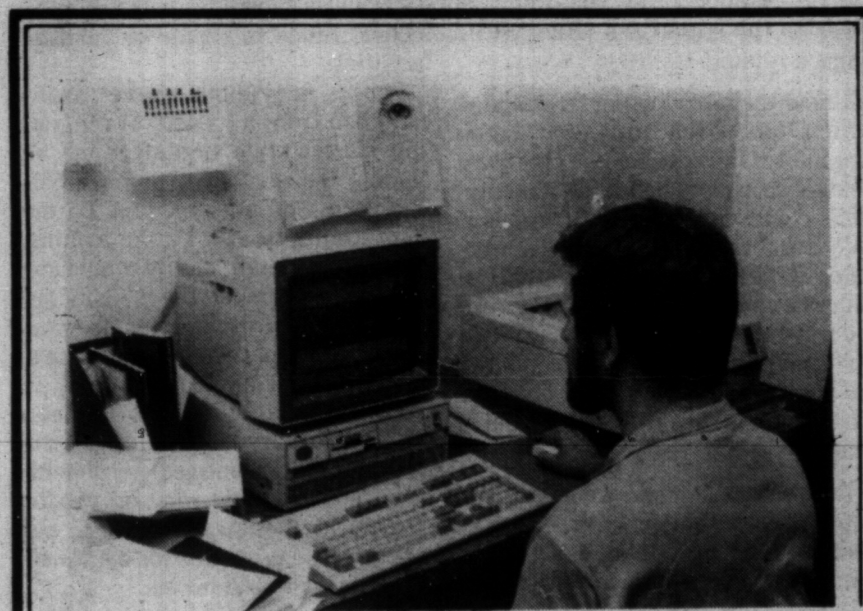
Mark Leggett of Jackson, a student at Mississippi College, removes some information from his post office box located at the campus post office in the basement of the B.C. Rogers Student Center. All residence hall students are assigned a box at registration and it is used for regular mail, plus campus notices and information. The post office, with its own 39058 zip code, will be a busy place during fall registration.



When you are head coach at Mississippi College, there's more to do than just coach football, especially during the summer. Head coach John Williams of the Choctaws wanted a sidewalk coming to his Moody Adams Field House from the athletic residence hall, so he got on the tractor and in a couple of days he and his staff had a nice sidewalk in place. One of the major campus improvements that will be in place when the students return in a new 80-plus space parking lot located just south of Jennings Hall. It will be primarily for commuters.



Tom Prather (standing), director of financial aids at Mississippi College, goes over a student application with Mrs. Diana Ellis of his staff as they get everything in readiness for the fall semester. The financial aids office has just moved into new and expanded quarters in Nelson Hall and has installed a computer system to handle the numerous requests it receives throughout the school year.



Steve Cook, instructor in art at Mississippi College, works with the new desktop publishing system acquired by the college during the summer for use in its graphic arts teaching program. The system will be available for use by students who enroll in certain programs at the college.

Blue Mountain offers four degrees

Blue Mountain College was founded in 1873 by Civil War General Mark Perrin Lowrey. A village preacher before the war, General Lowrey was a man of vision who saw the importance of providing a thorough education for women. He sought "The Brougner Place", a famous old mansion built on the slope of a large hill which had come to be called "Blue Mountain". He and his two oldest daughters made up the faculty at what was then known as Blue Mountain Female Institute. Fifty students were enrolled for the first session.

Miss Modena Lowrey, who later became Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, served as "Lady Principal" and then as vice-president from 1873 to 1934. It is believed that she served in these capacities longer than any other American woman has ever served as a major college official. She was the second woman in the state's history to be named to the Mississippi Hall of Fame.

General Mark Perrin Lowrey presided over the school as president until his death in February, 1885. He was succeeded by his eldest son, W. T. Lowrey, who served as president for thirteen years. Upon his resignation, his brother, B. G. Lowrey, another son of General Lowrey, became president. W. T. Lowrey returned for another tenure and remained as president until 1925. Lawrence T. Lowrey, grandson of General Lowrey, became president of the college in 1925 and retired in 1960. Wilfred C. Tyler was president from June 1, 1960 until his death in 1965, and E. Harold Fisher succeeded as the sixth and current president.

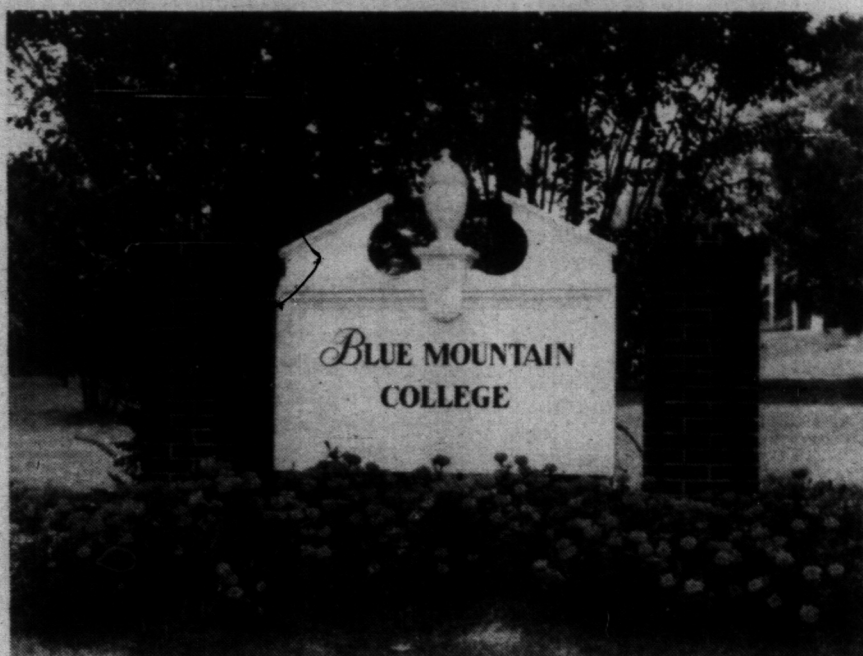
Blue Mountain has over the years sought to train women to be useful, happy citizens. Emphasis has been given to the development of strength of character and the ability to live creatively. Through small classes, a close faculty-student relationship, and stress on the importance of the individual, the college has endeavored to produce graduates who are well-prepared academically and spiritually to accept places of leadership in their chosen vocation, in their communities, and in the work of the denomination.

Purpose

Today the basic purposes of Blue Mountain College are: 1) to provide a sound educational program with a curriculum oriented toward the liberal arts in an atmosphere in which Christian faith is nurtured; 2) to offer a reasonable balance between liberal and vocational studies; and 3) to aid each individual to grow and adjust within the student's own uniqueness to the demands and opportunities which surround that student. The ultimate goal continues to be intellectual integrity, academic excellence, social consciousness, and Christian character.

Academic information

Calendar-registration for the fall semester is held the first week of September. Following Christmas break, registration for second semester falls during the first or second week of January with second semester completed the early part of May. Two five-week summer sessions are offered as well as some evening and weekend classes.



Accreditation

Blue Mountain College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and holds membership in the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Degrees and majors offered

To help meet the objectives of its academic program, Blue Mountain College offers courses of study leading to four degrees: bachelor of arts, bachelor of music, bachelor of science, and bachelor of science in education. Students may choose their work from the 15 departments of the College. When grouped according to the similarity of subject matter or convenience in administration, the departments form six overall divisions, as follows:

Biblical and Associated Studies: Bible.

Fine Arts: Art, Music, Speech and Drama.

Language and Literature: English, Foreign Languages, Library Science.

Natural Science: Basic Sciences, Mathematics, Home Economics, Physical Education.

Psychology and Education: Psychology, Education.

Social Science: History, Social Science, Business.

Special programs

Blue Mountain College offers many special programs. Summer sessions,

divided into two five-week terms, provide a chance for students to take elective courses, courses just for the fun of learning, for personal enrichment, or to enable them to acquire additional majors or minors. Public School teachers welcome the opportunity to renew certification requirements as well as participate in special programs designed for teaching gifted and special students. Evening and weekend courses for adults in medical careers are offered by the Natural Science department to update medical career personnel on changing trends.

A pre-college summer enrichment program makes college credit available to exceptional students who have a B average and have completed the junior year of high school. Students admitted to the program may earn up to seven semester hours of credit each term. Full college credit is given after the student graduates and meets the college entrance requirements.

A continuing education program for persons who cannot attend regular session classes is offered. Courses of special interest or by special request are offered.

The Blue Mountain College Internship Program provides participating students with work experiences in chosen career fields for which up to

six semester hours of college credit will be given.

A special honors program is offered to outstanding students with a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average. Students who complete the program and earn no less than a B on each of the three assigned units of supervised study graduate with Honors in the major discipline.

Student activities

Students at Blue Mountain College may choose from a variety of activities in which to participate. Inter-collegiate sports competition is available in girls' varsity basketball and tennis, as well as intra-mural basketball, badminton, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, softball, and swimming. A large, modern pool and patio area, golf course, softball field, lacrosse courts, and picturesque lake offer many hours of sports entertainment. An outstanding indoor skating facility is offered in the nearby city.

Blue Mountain College is located near Tupelo and Memphis where cultural opportunities abound, as well as offerings of many cultural activities on the campus in the form of plays, lectures, concerts in house, and

by visiting performing artists.

Three societies are established at Blue Mountain; the Eunomian, Modenian, and Euzelian. Female students may choose one of the three and society activities include parties, meetings, projects, and intra-mural competition.

Special events each year include High School Day, Founders Day, Spring Festival, Field Day, the Miss BMC Pageant, and many others.

The Music Department sponsors the "Blue Mountain College Chorale", a performing group consisting of music majors and minors. Another contemporary group, "New Dimension," consists of auditioned students and performs for many on campus and off campus functions.

Formal dinners are arranged by each of the four classes each year. Students may invite family and friends to this formal event.

Religious life

The Baptist Student Union offers a central focus for religious life on campus. The BSU sponsors a puppet team, Patterns For Discipleship, Survival Kit for New Christians, men's Bible studies, BSU ensemble, community

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August 29 marks opening of 116th session at BMC

Aug. 29 marks the opening of the 116th annual session at Blue Mountain College. Dormitories will open on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. with orientation for new and transferring students the following day. Registration for all students will be on Monday, Aug. 29 beginning at 9:15 a.m.; teacher assistants will register from 3-5 p.m.; and night classes will register from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The registrar reports that special education courses will again be offered this year that may be applied to the 30 hour requirement for teacher certification in special education. The courses to be offered are: Fall — Special Education 405; Organization and Administrative Procedures for Special Education; Spring — Special Education 406; Assessing Individual Progress for Educationally Handicapped. These classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. fall and spring semesters.

The teacher assistants program will expand to accept new students again this fall. This program is designed so that teacher assistants may enroll for six semester hours fall semester, six semester hours spring semester, and 12 semester hours each summer term and obtain a degree in education. Class times are arranged to accommodate work schedules. Teacher assistants interested in this program should contact the admissions or registrar's office.

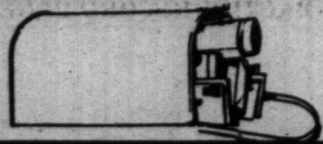
Further information regarding courses or class schedules may be obtained from the registrar's office (601) 685-4771.



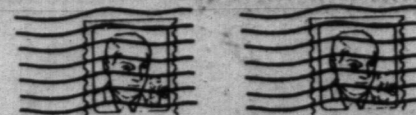
Students at Blue Mountain College have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of intramural sports activities.



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Letters to the editor



Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

Used pews needed

Editor:

Blacks in an adjoining neighborhood are building a church. They want to buy used pews for the church. We would appreciate hearing from any church that has pews for sale. Probably about 25 would be needed.

V. O. Powell
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Columbia, Miss. 39429
736-5248

Wasted space?

Editor:

Wasted space is what people are calling the missions gift report in the Baptist Record.

The people who read your missions gifts report, or try to, are unable to do so. The others couldn't care less.

I care.

William F. Evans, pastor
State Boulevard Church
Meridian

Briar Hill anniversary

Editor:

Briar Hill Baptist Church, 772 Hwy. 469 N., Florence, MS 39073 will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 9 and is interested in contacting all former members. The Centennial Committee will appreciate any information concerning these former members. It is also trying to obtain the names of those whose weddings have been performed in this church, especially 25 years ago and earlier.

Mrs. Gwen C. Stewart
Chairman, Centennial
Committee
Rt. 1, Box 366
Florence, MS 39073

Concerning elections

Editor:

I am writing in regard to the comments and opinions of many across our convention concerning the recent election held to replace the president of the convention.

I wonder if we could not glean some wisdom and or direction from an election held in the early church to fill a vacant leadership position. The election to which I refer was held to fill the void left by the exit of Judas, a disciple. You may find this recorded in Acts 1:15-26.

The Bible says two were appointed, both being able men and both coming highly recommended by those making the nomination. The scripture says the assembly prayed for the leadership of God, saying I quote, "Lord, shew us whether of these two thou hast chosen." Matthias was chosen, maybe by a 90 percent vote, or 75 percent, or could it have been 55 percent? Many of our theologians believe by one vote (such as the fall of a stone). We don't really know. Acts 2:1 says that the assembly united behind him and the other leaders, and the result was Pentecost.

This may or may not speak to each of us concerning the present controversy in our convention. I ask that

we as a convention unite behind Dr. Jerry Vines and the other elected leaders. It very well could be that God has something just as great and wonderful as Pentecost in store for us.

Jim Pender, pastor
Cash Church
Lena

Willett's resignation

Editor:

A Baptist Press release of July 7 tells of the Foreign Mission Board's action asking missionary Dr. Michael Willett for his resignation. I would like to comment on this matter, having been Willett's pastor from his birth until the day of my retirement, comprising some 25 years.

Michael is an outstanding Christian with the potential for making a great contribution to the missionary cause as a New Testament professor in our seminary in Venezuela. He has felt a strong call to missions. At the time he was informed of the FMB's desire, he was within a month of completing his language study in San Jose, Costa Rica. Even during these months in language school, he has spent much time working with the poor in and around San Jose. This is true compassion given in obedience to our Lord's observation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The demand for his resignation comes as the result of Fundamentalist pressure on the FMB. Just how many more of our best missionaries will become casualties? Where will it end? Are we going to allow this incident to repeat itself over and over?

Sincerely yours
William C. Link, Jr.
1525 N. Withers Rd.
Liberty, MO 64068

Not many letters from outside the state are published for lack of space, but we felt this pastor had a viewpoint that should be heard. The firing of a missionary is an event of far-reaching significance. — Editor

Historic role

Editor:

I have just completed a 10-year tenure as trustee at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., I am grateful to the Southern Baptist Convention for having elected me to this position. This role has brought increased appreciation for our denomination's performance in theological education.

Southern Baptists have one of the finest programs of theological training in existence. Our system of convention ownership, trustee accountability, administrative responsibility, faculty freedom, student involvement, and church support has no equal. Through the years our seminaries have provided a suitable environment in which individuals can grow in their understanding of God's revealed truth.

I thank God for our six seminaries and their efforts to train men and women for their God-called ministries. I particularly appreciate

their strong commitment to the Bible as the inspired word of God, their sensitivity to world needs, their intellectual integrity in the pursuit of biblical knowledge, and their dedication to the training of ministers to share the gospel of Christ.

It is a thrill to know that literally thousands of past and present missionaries, pastors and other local church ministers, teachers, chaplains, denominational leaders, and other specialists, have served and are serving efficiently because of training received at one of our seminaries.

As one who has closely observed the efforts of our denomination in theological education, I wish to affirm these schools and express gratitude for fellow Southern Baptists involved as administrators, faculty, trustees, and students. Young people from our churches who have been called of God to be ministers can attend any one of our six seminaries with confidence.

Our seminaries do not need to be rescued and re-structured; rather, they need to be respected and reinforced. Our prayers, finances, and encouragement will enable these great schools to preserve and continue their historic role in providing theological education for Baptist leadership.

W. Levon Moore
Kosciusko

Help for handicapped

Editor:

Neither governmental agencies, community centers, nor any other secular organization established to give people a better life has built into them the caring, compassion, and Christian love like that found in the Body of Christ (God's church in the world today).

I see godly men and women practicing the Golden Rules. They are indeed their brother's keeper. These people are visible in our great Baptist church.

I thank God for choosing me to be his child and making me a member of his body of believers.

In contemporary America, Christians are sometimes victims of unfair practices by the world. We do not expect favoritism to be practiced in our church.

A grievous thing has been brought to my attention in recent months. I want to believe it is due to an oversight on the part of our Southern Baptist Convention.

While visiting two of our church-owned conference grounds, I discovered the reasons for so few handicapped persons in attendance. The reason is that these great centers are not equipped to care for wheelchair members.

Bible teaching, great song services, rallies, and Christian fellowship in large groups are enjoyed by church members of all ages; but at these convention centers, lodging and convenient safe access to many of the buildings is non-existent for the wheelchair members and others who have a difficult time on steps and steep inclines.

My prayers are that the Baptist Record will encourage its readers to rally around their handicapped brothers and sisters so that we too may have the wonderful experience of

learning, rejoicing, and fellowship for the glory and praise to our God and King.

"I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake" (Philemon 6).

Emery Wages
Tupelo

End to fighting

Editor:

Your earnest plea that there be an end to SBC fighting is appreciated, and the desire deeply shared. As a "Moderate" I have not fought, unless voting constitutes fighting. If by "Fight no more" you are suggesting that I join the Fundamentalist leadership in mandating belief in literal Biblical inerrancy, diminished personhood for women, and superior authority for pastors, I must take second thought.

As a believer convinced of my priesthood I cannot but accord such freedom (and responsibility) to all believers. How then can I in good conscience acquiesce in the withholding of it from our missionaries at home and abroad, our women in ministry, and our seminarians? Anent the latter: Denying the validity of scholarship will surely give pause to the brightest minds among our youth on the verge of commitment to life service.

Conscience forbids acquiescence and at the same time suggests dissent — which I offer.

Glen Pearson
Hattiesburg

The editorial did not call for capitulation. It was trying to say that it takes two sides to have a fight. The idea was for whatever side would do it, and it presumed that it would have to be the "moderates," to go ahead and attend conventions and nominate people they would like to see elected and vote with regularity but to do it all without resorting to organized politics. Then it noted that if one side would do that, the other side should be willing to do it also. Finally it pointed out that the present conflict was begun by the "conservatives" in

order to achieve "parity," which they have accomplished. It wondered if "conservatives" couldn't ease up on their applied intensity since the goal has been reached. Though it was not mentioned specifically, the editorial tried to imply that some measure of faith must be exercised. Can either side feel free to trust the other? There has not been much of an indication to this point that such is possible. But there is no hope otherwise. — Editor

Christ is the head

Editor:

It seems when the news breaks everyone wants to talk about it. Now that the question of pastoral authority (whatever that is) is in vogue, I too have a nickel's worth to say. My words are from the practical view point.

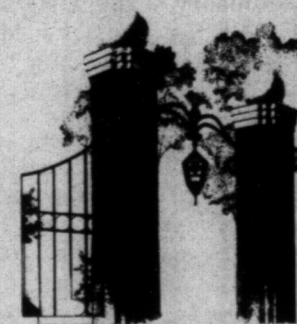
I have been a pastor for almost 36 years. I grew up on the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer. I was taught that each believer is his own priest before God with Christ as his High Priest. Assisted by the Holy Spirit, as each believer is, we can interpret for ourselves both the word of God and the will of God as they relate to our lives.

Believers united by the Holy Spirit are the Body of Christ, his church. Together, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the congregation determines the will of God in all things related to their church. Where does this put the pastor? In the delightful position of spiritual overseer, counselor, and shepherd to lead the people in both the discovery of and performance of the will of God for their church.

I have two sons in the music ministry. One, who is serving in another state, had the experience of working with an authoritative pastor. It seems that the pastor felt he alone could know what the Lord wanted for the church. As an example of this, the pastor, without any input from the music director, planned the worship program complete with the hymns to be sung. Perhaps this is the far right extreme.

Some pastors are assuming an authoritarian role in their churches.

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Clarke plans 80th

By Peggy Brock

Clarke College begins its 80th year of service to Mississippi Baptists on Aug. 30, (1908-1988), when registration will be held for the fall semester.

During those 80 years Clarke's administrative structure has undergone a great deal of change moving from being an independent Baptist four-year college (1908-1914), to Mississippi Baptist Convention four-year college (1914-1919), to a Mississippi Baptist Convention two-year college (1919-1931), back to an independent Baptist two-year college under the Clarke College Holding Commission (1931-1945), back to a Mississippi Baptist Convention two-year college (1945-1981) and, since 1981, Clarke has been operated as a division of Mississippi College.

Despite the variety of administrative arrangements under which Clarke College has operated during the last 80 years, there has remained a consistency of purpose that has given Clarke continuity over those eighty years.

The purpose of Clarke College since its founding has consistently been to educate Baptist young (and sometimes not so young) people intellectually, socially, and spiritually in a family-like atmosphere that assists each individual student to reach his or her full God-given potential.

Through fulfilling this purpose Clarke College has served as an open door to higher education for many people over the last 80 years, especially for those with a call to full-time

Christian service, who came to college with either an inadequate high school background to do college level work or who had been out of high school for an extended period of time.

Because of the attention given to individual needs at Clarke and through the developmental courses available at Clarke, these students have been able to develop the basic intellectual tools and the learning skills that enabled them to go on from Clarke College to other institutions of higher learning and excel in academic achievement. Many of those former Clarke students have gone on to make significant contributions to their professions, our denomination, our faith, and our nation.

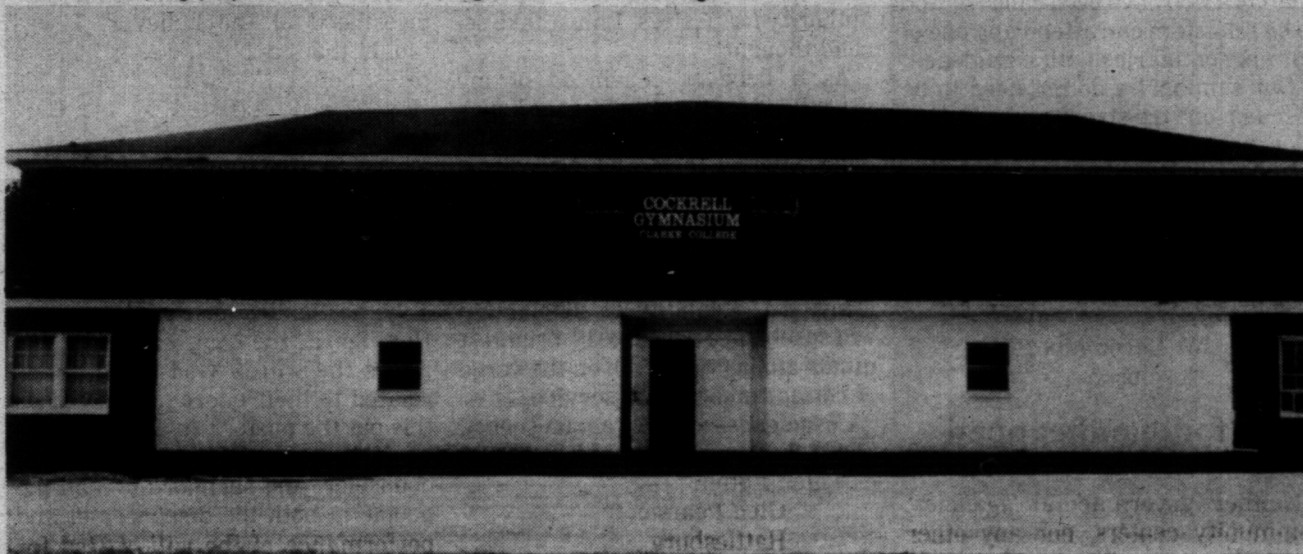
We, who are a part of the Clarke College family, believe that this distinctive purpose and its resulting effect on the educational process at Clarke give Clarke College a uniqueness among all the colleges in Mississippi whether they be public or private. We look forward to continuing to fulfill this unique purpose for the next 80 years.

Clarke College can continue to fulfill this unique purpose only through the continued support and encouragement of Mississippi Baptists and with the sense of direction and the power to move in that direction that comes from God's indwelling Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people.

Peggy Brock directs public relations for Clarke.



New landscaping projects have been in progress at Clarke College.



Clarke College's newly renovated gymnasium has been named in honor of Earl Cockrell who donated funds for this renovation project.

NOBTS center in Jackson sets courses

NEW ORLEANS — The schedule of classes has been announced. The 1988-89 academic year at the Jackson, Miss., extension center of New Orleans Seminary begins Aug. 22.

Registration for master's level courses will be Monday, Aug. 22. Classes will meet on Mondays Aug. 22 through Oct. 10.

Master's level courses offered during Term I will be "Introduction to Christian Ethics" (1-5 p.m.), and "Old Testament Exegesis: John" (6-10 p.m.).

Registration for associate level courses will be Tuesday, Aug. 23. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Courses offered will be "Evangelistic Preaching" (Tuesdays), and "Old Testament Elective" (Thursdays).

Homecomings

Oregon Memorial, Lexington: Aug. 14-19; Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Bill Brown, evangelist; Mike Chandler, music; Michael O'Brien, pastor.

Largest offering taken at Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N.C. — Participants attending Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina have given what is believed to be the largest offering ever taken during a summer conference.

Carolyn Weatherford, national executive director of WMU, announced Monday, July 4, to a crowd of about 1,600 people that the offering taken during the previous morning's worship service totaled \$5,075.10.

All offerings taken during summer conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist conference centers are given to the Cooperative Program.

Barnes serves as summer missionary

Suzzie Barnes of Harpersville is serving as a student summer missionary from Clarke College, in Maryland, under direction of the Home Mission Board.

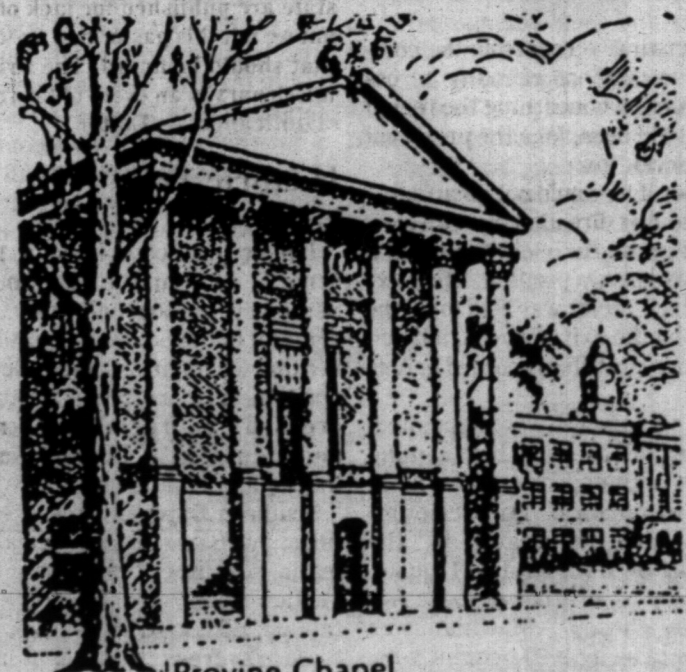
Suzzie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnes of Harpersville. She received the bachelor's degree in religious education from



Barnes
Clarke in May.

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Carey readies dorms for new residents

By Alice McCardle

Daily temperatures may still soar near the 100 mark across the country but there is a hint of fall in the air at William Carey College. A quick look might make it seem as though the campus is deserted but there's much hustle and bustle inside as dorms are readied for old and new residents, finishing touches are put on party plans, and last minute applications are processed.

Fall promises to be a busy time at Carey where admissions director Phil Kimrey says applications are up 14 percent over the same time last year on the Hattiesburg campus. Housing applications are also up with a new emphasis being placed on a residential campus and plenty of activities to keep students involved.

Campus leaders at all levels will arrive early to polish skills and learn of final plans for the new academic year. "Operation 1989" is the theme being developed for the administration, faculty, and staff workshop on Friday, August 26th. Student Government Association leaders will also begin their training workshop that day.

The Baptist Student Union Executive Committee will hold a training workshop on Saturday with new BSU Director Frank Bowers. Resident Assistants will also learn that day what lies ahead for them. New students entering the Winter School of Music will spend a busy Saturday as they take the theory placement exam and participate in voice and piano auditions. Campus leaders will be honored with a reception in Crawford Hall that evening.

Sunday, Aug. 28, may look like the gathering of a gypsy clan as laden vehicles of all descriptions wend their way onto the campus to deposit students and their belongings when dorms open at 1 p.m. There will be an almost instant opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones at a mid-afternoon informal reception for students, parents, and faculty.

Everyone knows the way to make a new pet feel at home is to feed it something really good. The Student

Government Association, Gamma Chi, and Pi Omega will try that technique with both old and new students as they host a late-night pizza party.

Monday will be a day for settling in and taking care of all the last-minute details leading up to registration. New



Come Join Us — One fun part of being involved with the Baptist Student Union at William Carey College is the opportunity to make fun and educational trips during the year. BSU membership is open to all Carey students.

students will continue auditions, meet with advisors, and go through orientation. The S.G.A. will host a Welcome Party at the Student Center that night.

As "Welcome Back Week" continues on the Carey campus things will turn more serious on Tuesday as students wait their assigned turn to learn what classes they will get into and what revisions will have to be made in schedules. All cares will be forgotten that night as the BSU takes a turn as host of the welcome party.

Alas, classes must start all too soon but the fun will continue throughout the week. A highlight will come on Thursday, Sept. 1, when new music

students are presented in an honor recital.

It's hard to find fault with a school schedule that includes a Labor Day holiday less than a week into the term but classes will settle down to hard work following the holiday. That is not to say, however, that the fun will be over. The William Carey College campus is going to be THE place to be this fall! If you haven't already made plans to be part of the fun do so right now . . . write Director of Admissions, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 or call (601) 582-6103.

Alice McCardle directs public relations at Carey.



Let Me Tell You — Traci Davis, left, tells Stacy Foret, right, a few things about life as a student at the William Carey College School of Nursing in New Orleans. The nursing program is a tough but rewarding one leading to lots of career opportunities.

Mississippi College rockets to new heights

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the matriculation process at 9 a.m. and continue through 11 a.m. Freshmen students report for registration at 1:30 p.m., reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name.

The schedule for freshmen will be A-G, from 1:30-2:15 p.m.; H-P, from 2:15-3 p.m.; and Q-Z, from 3-3:30 p.m. Students are asked to follow the registration steps outlined in the schedule of classes that has been prepared for them.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum. They are to report according to the following schedule: SENIORS — A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS — A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES — A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3-3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending Evening School only will register in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on Monday, Aug. 29, from 5-7 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for actual registration in the coliseum. Evening School registration is also scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1, from 5-7 p.m., and again on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 5-7 p.m., in Nelson Hall.

All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Sept. 1. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 5, because of the Labor Day holiday.

C. B. Hamlet III dies in H'bg

C. B. Hamlet, 74, of Hattiesburg died Aug. 5. He is survived by his widow, Louise; son C. B. (Buck) Hamlet IV of Hattiesburg; and daughter Saradel Hamlet of Slidell, La.

Hamlet was a graduate of Tulane University and Southern Seminary. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from William Carey College. He served as pastor of Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville; Clarke-Venable, Decatur; First Church, Winona; and Immanuel in Hattiesburg. He retired after service at the first full time chaplain at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Activities Planned

"Taking On New College . . . Freshmen '88" will be the theme for the incoming freshmen as they begin their relationships on a college campus. A number of social events are scheduled throughout the first several weeks of school to give the students an opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the college family and with their fellow classmates.

Following their first day of classes on Thursday, they will have the evening meal on the patio of the B.C. Rogers Student Center where they will meet the 1988 Choctaw football team. At 9:30 p.m. they will gather in Alumni Hall, the old gymnasium, for the first pep rally of the year.

Indian costumes will be the order of the day on Friday, Sept. 2, and there will be a costume contest at 10 a.m. Saturday will be the day for the traditional "Clash of the Classes" and then a trip to Rapids on the Reservoir.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, will find the newcomers auditioning for a Talent Show which will unfold at 7 p.m. in Swor Auditorium of Nelson Hall. A Freshman Awards Banquet is set for 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, in the Hall of Fame Room of the B.C. Rogers Student Center.

"We have a pretty full orientation schedule planned for the incoming students," said Tom Washburn, dean of students, "but the program will be informative and entertaining and will assist them in making a smooth adjustment to college life as experienced at Mississippi College."

Hamlet, an active member of First Church, Hattiesburg, was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. He wrote the last two chapters of "History of Mississippi Baptists," and 29 monographs in the "Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists." He had attended every Southern Baptist Convention for over 50 years and every Mississippi Baptist Convention for over 40. He and his wife were Home Mission Board missions volunteers.

The funeral was at First Church, Hattiesburg. Burial was at Highland Cemetery.

Baptist Medical Center offers education programs

By Laura Jones

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, the state's largest, nonprofit general hospital, offers students exciting educational opportunities in the fields of Medical Technology and Radiography. A wide variety of jobs await the graduates of these challenging professions.

Medical Technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to assist in diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University which allow the proper

transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their year in medical technology school for their senior year in college.

The radiologic technologist is specifically trained to assist the radiologists (medical doctors) in radiological (commonly known as x-ray) procedures. The technologist is invaluable in the technological aspects which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent.

"Meeting the challenges that these medical professions bring give our

students valuable 'hands-on' experience and a strong rapport with their instructors, leading physicians, and expert health clinicians," said Kent Strum, MBMC executive director. "These vital elements, in addition to a caring, Christian working environment, produce graduates of whom we're proud. When our students graduate, they are prepared to find good jobs and are rewarded by the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

In addition to the education programs and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union led by Kathy Bearden, Baptist Student Union direc-

tor, offers Christian fellowship and fun activities for the students. Retreats, volleyball games, singing groups, religious emphasis week, raising money for missions, luncheons, and get-togethers promote friendships and encourage Christian involvement and growth.

MBMC's administrative staff strongly supports the schools and is frequently involved with the BSU. "We enjoy participating in the students' activities," said Lu Harding, MBMC assistant administrator, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with the students. We believe they play a vital role in our hospital. Their ideas, incentive, and inquisitive minds challenge us to provide them with the

best resources possible."

"Strong administrative backing, dedicated instructors, excellent clinical experience, and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the student beginning his or her medical career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides outstanding educational opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

For more information concerning MBMC health related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Laura Jones writes for MBMC.

BSU emblem 'Journey of life in Christ'

A word to students from the Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The main purpose of Baptist Student Union is to lead students to a personal relationship to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to help them grow in the Lordship of Christ.

The BSU emblem symbolizes the journey of the life in Christ. The symbol is made up of ten arrows: five pointing inward representing the INWARD JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH and five pointing outward representing the OUTWARD JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. "Knowing Him and Making Him Known" is to be the goal of every Christian college student. We invite you to join the journey with us during your days as a college student.

The channels for the INWARD JOURNEY through Baptist Student Union are the programs of Bible Study and Discipleship. The commit-

ment of Baptist Student Union to the study of God's Word continues to be a hallmark of our program. The opportunities of your involvement in Bible Study and Discipleship will be numerous. Baptist Student Unions on every campus offer varied opportunities for both large group and small group Bible Study. BSU directors can introduce you to materials to help you increase your knowledge of God's Word through your personal time of study. Churches in the community where you will attend college offer times of Bible Study through their Sunday School designed specifically to meet the needs of college students like you.

Discipleship programs in BSU have been developed to help you make the Word of God a vital part of your daily life. Programs such as Patterns of Discipleship, Masterlife, and others are designed to help you as a student apply the teachings of God's Word to your everyday living. Though the programs may vary from campus to campus, local BSU directors are

available to help you assess your needs and provide discipleship materials to deepen your personal relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.

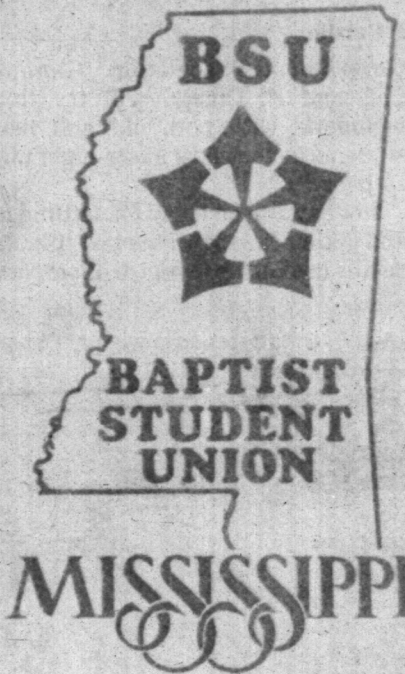
Sharing an effective witness as a college student will be a challenge. The importance of a consistent walk with Christ will cause your fellow students to more readily accept your verbal witness. Your personal walk with Christ will be enhanced by the fellowship and encouragement of Baptist Student Union and involvement in a local church.

Baptist Student Union can be that community of fellowship and encouragement you will need to effectively share your faith on campus. Begin now to prepare yourself by spending personal quiet time getting to know Jesus in a deeper way. Many of the students that you will meet on campus need to know this Savior that you have found. BSU will help to prepare you to effectively share the witness you have of what Christ means to you.

Another aspect of "Making Him Known" can be your involvement in the student missions program of

Mississippi BSU. Missions opportunities during your days as a college student will broaden your view of the world in which you live. Programs of outreach and ministry in the college community will give you an on-going touch with people who need the love that you have to share. Missions education programs through BSU will take you from your campus to destinations around our world as you see through the eyes of career missionaries the needs of a hurting world.

The Student Missions Program of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union will offer you the opportunity to work alongside a career missionary for a ten-week period during the summer. You can be involved in sharing God's love through leading youth and children in Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, outreach revival teams, music leadership, working in the inner city in Christian social ministry, and many other types of ministries. Student missions gives students a first-hand experience of what missions is all about.



Wm. Carey employs new BSU director

HATTIESBURG — Frank Edward Bowers has been named Baptist Student Union director at William Carey College. He began work at Carey on August 1, replacing Steve Smith who has been named dean of students.

Bowers served as associate director of the BSU at Louisiana Tech for the last three years. At Tech he had full responsibility for two singing groups, a drama team, a puppet team, and a clown ministry. He began both the puppet team and the clown ministry during his time there. He led a number of students, pastors, and church staff members in the MasterLife program and then supervised their leading of others through the study.

He was also responsible for developing and coordinating a community ministry program that included a children's home, nursing homes, a prison, and the state school for the mentally handicapped. He planned, coordinated, and supervised DayBreak '87, an outreach program with area churches to assist the BSU and local churches in reaching incoming freshmen.

In addition to BSU work, Bowers has served as minister of youth at Centerville (MS) Baptist Church, and was pastor of churches in Louisiana.

He is a graduate of Houston Baptist University in Texas and earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. While at Houston Baptist he served as a summer missionary in Texas.

Mrs. Bowers is the former Julie Diane Sawyer. They are the parents of Jeremy Andrew, 7, Nathaniel Joseph, 5, and Shaun Michael, 4.

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Yours, Lord

He was sitting down making
A castle in the sand
Patting and molding it
With his tiny hand.
He looked up at me
With a luminous smile
I was watching in marvel
All the while.

You were teaching him a lesson
Dear Father, even then —
Of the Master Molder,
His very best friend.
This tiny boy is now a man
Molded by You —
He is in Your hand.

—Eugenia Kendrick
Amory

He doesn't have fortune,
Recognition or fame,
But he preaches Your Word
And worships Your name.
Thank you, dear God,
For allowing me
To live to see him
Serving Thee.

(Mrs. Kendrick's son, David Kendrick, graduate of OBU, is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, during his junior and senior years in college.)

The butterfly and the whippoorwill

The butterfly lights the morning
With golden color, fair.
The whippoorwill sings in night-time,
His special song to share.

Yes, our Father provided
Delight for the daytime hours.
God also makes the night-time
As fragrant as the flowers.

—Betty Sauls
Columbia

Revival dates

Gatesville, Crystal Springs: Aug. 14-17; Cliff Nelson, speaker; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner at noon, afternoon service, 2 p.m.; 7:30 nightly.

Don Gann will direct religious activities at MC

CLINTON — Don Gann, former Baptist Student Union director at East Central Community College in Decatur, has been named director of religious activities at Mississippi College.

Gann, a native of Vicksburg, has spent the past two years as BSU director at East Central. He assumed his duties at Mississippi College earlier this month.

Gann is a graduate of Mississippi State University and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is mar-

ried and has a 16-month old daughter.

Gann said he plans to continue and expand on previous ministries such as Action Teams, nursing home ministries, tutoring at the Baptist Children's Village, volunteer service at the Mississippi Children's Rehabilitation Center, Kid's Club, the drama group "Cross Section," and the singing group "Priority."

The new director said he also plans to work on the development of new ministries such as "Sheltered Spaces," a program that involves college students from area campuses working together with the Brotherhood organization to build homes for low-income families in and around the local community.

SBC leaders will get screening

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Much of the criticism of the movie has stemmed from such groups as Donald Wildmon's American Family Association, which has called for telephone calls and petitions protesting the movie. Wildmon boycotted a July 12 screening, which was attended by "about 50 religious leaders."

Braidfoot charged the studio "invited a number of 'fundamentalists' who, they are quick to say, boycotted the preview. I am convinced that this boycott was anticipated, thereby enabling Universal to posture those

calling for a boycott at theaters as persons who had not seen the movie. Thus critics would be cast in the least-favorable light."

In their statement concerning the early release of the film, Universal publicists wrote: "Few motion pictures in recent memory have generated such heated debate, especially when so very few people have actually seen the film. Rumors have proliferated; exaggerations, misconceptions and scenes taken out of context have added fuel to the fire."

The film, based on a novel by Nikos

Kazantzakis, presents Jesus, as portrayed by Willem Dafoe, in a way offensive to most Christians, according to Christians who saw the July 12 screening.

Wildmon told Baptist Press he boycotted the screening July 12, but said he had seen a script. He called the film blasphemous. Among the controversial scenes is one in which Jesus is being tempted by visions of what his life could be if he abandoned the cross. Included is a "fairly explicit" sexual scene with Mary Magdalene.



Gann

Thursday, August 11, 1988

July gifts down

July giving of Mississippi Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program totaled \$1,317,177, making the total giving for 1988 at \$10,751,587.

July 1987 giving was \$1,599,351. January-July 1987 giving was \$10,808,569.

The pro rata amount of giving in order to make the budget passed last year at the Mississippi Baptist Convention would be \$11,033,750. This means that, statistically, Mississippi Baptists are \$282,163, or 2.56 percent behind. The 1988 budget is \$18,915,000.

Just over one third of all monies taken in are forwarded to national and worldwide SBC causes. The rest is utilized in Mississippi to provide leadership training in the churches and associations, for Christian higher education, and for children's work and other benevolent causes.

Rankin girls lead Bible club

Three girls, members of Baptist churches in Rankin County, recently led in a five-day club at Rebel Woods Apartments in Jackson. The first day, 84 children came. By the fourth day, 100 were in attendance; 34 of them made professions of faith.

The five-day club is a Bible club held one hour per day for five consecutive days and is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship. The girls were Nikki Miller, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Miller of Emmanuel Church; Stephanie Wallace, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace of Concord Church. Alison Rogers, 14 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers of First Church, Morton. The three trained for eight days in Nashville at a Christian Youth in Action session.

The girls also assist with a clown ministry in housing projects and malls, and present programs in churches on Sunday nights, according to Sally Stevens, Mississippi director of CEF.



Robin Nichols, consultant in the Church Training Department, MBCB, challenges the associational Church Training directors to believe and follow through with their plans. Nichols asked the group if they believed he could stick an ordinary plastic straw through a raw potato. After raising the doubts of some of the participants, Nichols asked volunteers to demonstrate. "The object lesson showed the importance of believing in what you are doing and following through," said Nichols. Is it possible? Try it.

417 association leaders study '88-'89 programs

A total of 417 elected associational leaders from 67 associations attended the annual Associational Officers Interpretation Meeting at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, May 17.

Training was offered for these offices: directors of Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, Missions Development, Evangelism, pastoral ministries, family ministries, and media library; directors of missions; moderators; youth evangelism specialists; and Christian Action chairmen. Associational WMU directors were involved in the WMU Centennial program in Richmond this year.

According to Chester Vaughn, MBCB program director, the meeting had a three-fold purpose: to acquaint associational leaders with suggested programs for churches for 1988-89; to

acquaint them with associational suggestions which might assist the churches; and to equip associational council members in leading their program councils in planning sessions and to lead the meeting for interpreting suggested church programs to local church leaders.

Said Tommy Tapp, a staffer with Security Bank in Amory and associational Church Training director from Monroe County Association, "At the Alta Woods meeting, I get the newest ideas and developments which are available for next year. I leave with a good awareness of what is going to be happening in my area. I know what literature will help get the job done. The associational leaders are personally involved in looking for best resources for their own association's approach for the next year."

Jones students bag potatoes, witness, in Houston, Texas

By John Sumner

On May 22, ten students at Jones County Community College, the associate BSU director, one former student, and I left on mission trip to Houston, Texas, for one week.

We worked under the direction of the home missionary, Mildred McWhorter. She oversees three centers in the inner city of Houston. These centers deal mostly with Spanish-speaking Americans.

Work at the three centers varied from keeping the nursery to hanging a new door. While we were there we kept the nursery on several occasions with up to 90 babies and preschoolers at one time. We also conducted Teen Clubs, providing Bible studies, recreation, and refreshments for them. We worked with the children while an adult worker taught a Bible study to the parents each day.

Food distribution is an important part of the work that goes on at these centers. Our girls bagged

over two tons of rice the first day. On other occasions, they sorted and bagged about 1400 lbs. of potatoes and onions, separated canned vegetables, plus they bagged bread and doughnuts.

On the 26th, we were in charge of a worship service for the teenagers at the Fletcher Center. We shared God's love with them through a puppet program, testimonies, music and a message.

We helped to build bathrooms at the Gano Center, plus we purchased and installed two fluorescent lights for the kitchen at the Joy Center.

One day the girls tutored children in English and math. Through all of the various areas of work, we reached out to 765 people.

The week we were there 26 people accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

John Sumner is BSU director at Jones County Community College.

Morrison Heights, Lakeshore sponsor mission; services begin Aug. 14

The first services of a new Southern Baptist church will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 6737 Siwell Road, Jackson. This mission church is being sponsored by Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, and Lakeshore Church, Jackson.

Robert Wall will serve as interim pastor. B. T. Robbins will serve as interim music director. They are both members of Morrison Heights Church.

Bible Study will begin at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship services at 11 a.m. Evening worship services will be at 7 p.m.

Five acres of land have been secured and the use of a mobile chapel. A full slate of Sunday School workers is being provided by the sponsoring churches. A piano, an organ, and 40 chairs have been donated.

There are 300 homes in the area with 65 more under construction. A survey was taken and 123 persons indicated their willingness to help start this new church.

Members of the Missions Committee of Morrison Heights Church are Doye Robbins, chairman, Lois Henderson, James Marbury, Dan Wesson, and Billie Lynn Arthur. J. W. Brister, Hinds-Madison Association executive director, has served as ex-officio member.

Southern Baptists witness at Democratic convention

ATLANTA (BP) — Amid protesters and entrepreneurs taking stands for everything from buttons to bombs, Southern Baptists demonstrated the good news of God's love at the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

Under a big blue-and-white tent on the parking lot of Baptist Tabernacle, convention delegates, reporters and guests found relief from the scorching Atlanta heat while walking between their hotels and the Omni Coliseum. Dubbed the "Good News Corner," the church parking lot is located only two blocks from the Omni and Georgia World Congress Center.

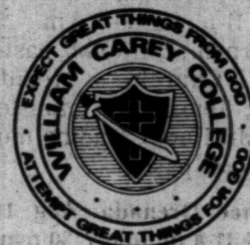
About 500 volunteers from 25 churches in the eight metropolitan Atlanta Baptist associations handed out cups of cold water, entertained,

distributed Scripture portions, and shared their faith in Christ during the four-day convention.

Volunteers from Georgia Baptist Hospital and their colleagues from other cities in the Georgia Nurses Association provided free medical screenings for vision, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol. A Chick-Fil-A restaurant was set up in the church basement for breakfast and lunch.

At least 600 people stopped by the tent to hear the music, check their health or eat.

Brochures announcing the ministry and telling readers the plan of salvation in Christ were distributed in downtown hotels at the start of the convention.



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The Jones Community College BSU team included, from left: Michelle McGuire, Melanie Musgrove, Twyla Temple, Gina Longino, Julia McDonald, Kathy Hough, Amy Farrior, Paul Hendry, and Troy Pounds.

Blue Mountain offers . . .

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missions, drama team, family groups for freshmen, and the summer missions program for the College.

Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church is located adjacent to the campus and contributes greatly to the worship facilities offered on campus.

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Students have numerous opportunities for service as student youth directors, summer camp workers, and special teams for revival or youth meetings in the churches of the area.

Basic Costs

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Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

Blue Mountain offers approximately 300 scholarships annually to students based on academic achievement and student need. Students successfully completing steps on the Acteen Program through Southern Baptist churches automatically qualify for a \$50 scholarship for each step completed and this scholarship is renewable annually. Students transferring from junior colleges and

members of Phi Theta Kappa in good standing may receive automatic scholarships of \$200.

The James L. Travis Scholarship is awarded to ministerial students selected by the board of directors of the scholarship program on an annual basis, as well as Mississippi Baptist Convention scholarships which are also available to men in church related vocations.

Blue Mountain College participates in the six federal financial aid programs; PELL Grant, Supplemental Grant, Perkins Loan, Guaranteed Student Loans, College Work Study, and State Student Incentive Grant is made to award funds to students on an equitable basis and to obtain funds needed for students to complete their course of study at the college.

Students who wish to apply for financial aid should contact the direc-

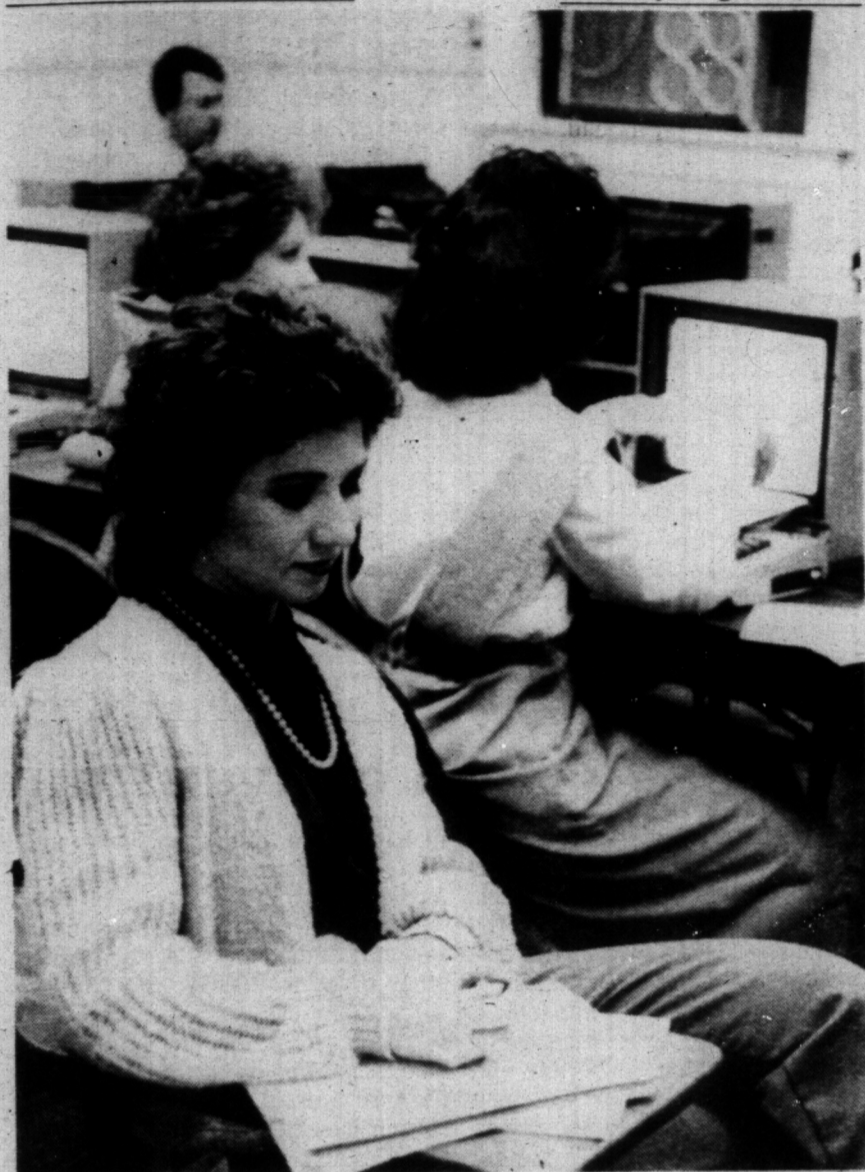
tor of financial aid for further information.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding academic programs may be obtained by calling the Admissions office or the Registrar's Office, Blue Mountain College. Questions regarding admission requirements, etc. should be directed to the office of admissions.

Revival dates

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 14-19; Sunday — Homecoming Day; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Charles Olen Robinson, pastor, Blue Springs Church, Chunky, evangelist; James Allgood, Vaughan, music director; Crowned Jewel Choir, ages 5-12, meeting nightly at 7; Bill Hutto, pastor.



A sound educational background is essential if one hopes to attain future career goals, and a liberal arts degree from Blue Mountain College provides that background.

Revival dates

Star (Rankin): Aug. 14-19; Sunday at 11 followed by lunch and afternoon service; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Barry Corbett of Pelahatchie, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, minister of music at Briar Hill, music leader; David Grant, pastor; Duncan Goff, minister of music.

Northrup Chapel (Clarke): Aug. 7-12; services at 7 p.m.; Keith Bogan of Ted church, Smith County, preaching; Dennis Cochran, music leader; Lester Fleming, pastor.

Concord, Ackerman: Aug. 14-19; 151st anniversary homecoming on Aug. 14; Sunday School at 10; worship at 11 led by Dave Elliott of WFCA; dinner at church; afternoon praise service by the New Hearts; revival begins Aug. 15 with morning services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Carey Myers, pastor of Concord, evangelist.

Christ is the head

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I think such a position is a violation of New Testament teaching about the role of a pastor. I also think the pastor who puts himself in the authoritarian role is headed for problems with staff, deacons, and congregation.

May the Lord help us to remember the New Testament sets up Jesus Christ as the authoritarian in the church. The apostle Paul, strongest of the New Testament apostles, spoke of Jesus Christ as the head of the church; (Colossians 1:17-20). Read the passage! Let it speak to you!

Robert J. Sanderson
Bunker Hill Baptist Church
Columbia

Mt. Horeb, Meridian: Aug. 14-18; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Bill Webb, pastor of Midway Church, Meridian, evangelist; Tom Smith, minister of music at Mt. Horeb, leading music; Jerry Sanford, pastor.

Providence, Grenada: Aug. 14-21; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Columbia, evangelist; Ron Bolen, interim minister of music, Friendship Church, singer; Clyde C. Rogers, pastor.

Liberty Hill (Panola): Aug. 14-18; morning services led by Harrison Weger, pastor of Calvary Church, Batesville; evening services led by Don Stanfill, director of missions, Lafayette Association; Tom Young, music leader; Thomas Farris, pastor.

First, Durant: Aug. 14-18; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. at noon and 7 p.m.; Gary Bowlin, evangelist; Wayne Baggett, music leader; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Rocky Springs (Yazoo): Aug. 14-17; Sunday morning services followed by homecoming dinner on the grounds, singing, and afternoon service; Mon.-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Phillip Duncan, pastor at Collins, evangelist; Gary Roark, music director; Dennis Perry, pianist; Jimmy Kettleman, pastor.

Providence (Franklin): Aug. 14-19; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship at 11; dinner on ground and services Sunday afternoon with no evening service; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Robert Self preaching; Bobbie and Lollie Ready, music leaders; Greg Potts, pastor.

Little Byhalia (Lincoln): Aug. 14-19; all day service Sunday with lunch in fellowship hall; Mon.-Fri. at 7 a.m.; Bendon Ginn, evangelist; Harvey Magee, music leader; Frank Leggett, pastor.

Skene: Aug. 14-19; services at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Cliff Perkins, retired staffer, MBCB, evangelist; Joe Styron, First Church, Vaiden, music director; J. Gary Johnson, pastor.

First, Collinsville: Aug. 14-19; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Buford Easley, pastor of Williams Blvd. Church, Kenner, La., evangelist; and Charles Hinson, minister of music at Collinsville, music leader; David L. Sellers, pastor.

First, Lauderdale: Aug. 14-17; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; nightly at 7:30; John Woods of Southaven, evangelist; Jewell Greer of Russell, music leader.

First, Tunica: Aug. 14-17; services, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dennis Trull, pastor, preaching; Tommy and Linda Wilson, members of Bellevue, Memphis, music.

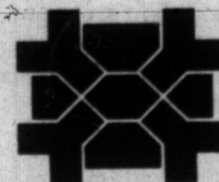
Holcomb, Holcomb: Aug. 7-12; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 a.m.; Bobby Douglas, First, Columbus, evangelist; Dale Gravatt, pastor.

Goodhope (Perry): Aug. 14-19; Tommy Brill, New Hope, Brundage, Ala., evangelist; services, Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds afterwards; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; David MacIsaac, pastor.

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Carey awards scholarships

William Carey College in Hattiesburg announces the awarding of scholarships for the 1988-89 academic year. Carey has offered scholarships to 158 students from 11 states, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica.

A total of 17 Presidential Scholarship recipients were named. This scholarship is the most prestigious award given by Carey, and it is offered to those students who maintain an exceptional academic record and a high ACT score. Presidential Scholarship winners from Mississippi are Sarah Bishop, Union; Angela Hall-Jones, Lumberton; Thomas Montgomery Hinton, Jackson; Shannon Kleinke, Columbia; Kellie Melissa Lee, Petal; Susan Leigh Lofton, Gautier; Connie L. McCaughan, Gulfport; Kelly Rouse, Lucedale; Deidre Shows, Hattiesburg; Tara J. Sumrall, Hattiesburg; Joseph Wayne Tatum, Picayune; and Linda Stark Winnard, Gulfport.

Other Presidential Scholarship recipients are Jeffrey J. Bourgeois, Baton Rouge, La.; Tonya A. Davis, Loxley, Ala.; William Alan Hawks, Bradenton, Fla.; Christopher P. Messer, Sattsuma, La.; and Kimberly J. Spratley, Grand Bay, Ala.

Presidential Ministerial Grants are awarded to full-time ministerial students who maintain a high grade point average and are members of a Southern Baptist church. Winners from Mississippi are Jimmy D. Bates, Petal; Rhonda Lynn Hensarling, Hattiesburg; William Ray Holyfield, Columbia; Christopher Ray Kennedy, Brookhaven; J. Darren Miley, Crystal Springs; Thomas J. Mims, Biloxi; Daniel W. Moore, Pascagoula; Stacy Angela O'Quin, Tylertown; Daniel G. Ott, Gulfport; Dale C. Roberts, Biloxi; Rita R. Ryals, Braxton; and Christopher S. Wheeler, Woodville.

Other Presidential Ministerial Grant winners are Raymond G. Cran-

dall, Slidell, La.; Rocky Lee Everett, Denham Springs, La.; and James T. Moran, Pensacola, Fla.

Donna Lewallen of Gautier and Leonard Raybon of Pascagoula received Music Grants from the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Cicely Campbell of New Orleans and Deidre V. Simmons of Pointe-A-la-Hache, La., both nursing students at Carey's School of Nursing in New Orleans, which is located in the Southern Baptist Hospital, received Southern Baptist Hospital League scholarships. These awards are given to students in the medical field by the SBH League, which donates time and services to the hospital through volunteer assistance.

Cynthia A. Rachel of Gretna, La., received a Baptist Student Union Award. This award is given to transferring students who have previously been junior college BSU presidents.

William Carey restates purpose

During the process of a self-study in preparation for a spring reaccreditation visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, William Carey College has restated the purpose for its existence.

In the liberal arts tradition, the college seeks to provide a meaningful education with an emphasis on Christian values. It offers undergraduate and graduate programs in an atmosphere conducive to personal growth and the development of scholarship and leadership.

The 1988-90 catalogue, just off the press, states these objectives:

1. To prepare leaders for the denomination.
2. To promote the practice of Christian principles.

3. To provide an atmosphere in which persons of different faiths, cultures, and nationalities can be challenged intellectually, but also can develop spiritually, morally, emotionally, socially, and physically.

4. To emphasize the cultural values of the arts and sciences.

5. To teach effective communication.
6. To stimulate critical thinking.

7. To maintain a high level of scholarship.

8. To develop talent and recognize achievement.

9. To nurture an appreciation of the fine arts.

10. To provide basic professional training in selected areas.

11. To develop responsible leaders and citizens.

The entire program of the College is built around the individual student. The college seeks to enhance intellectual and spiritual values and to create a sense of social obligation.

Faculty and staff work to provide effective instruction, proper example, judicious counsel, and loving concern. In striving to reach these objectives, William Carey College seeks to help each individual within the college community — students, faculty, staff, and administrators — attain his or her highest potential.

William Carey College tries to live its life according to the motto of the man William Carey, to "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Nash, Reed, Walker, and Tuten to speak at Carey opening

"Operation 1989" will keynote the official opening of the 1988-89 session at William Carey College.

The special emphasis on looking ahead to 1989, the 1990s, and the 21st Century will begin with a workshop for administration, faculty, and staff, Aug. 26. The college is involved in a self-study leading to a reaccreditation visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools next spring. Carey administrators, faculty, staff, and students are using the self-study as an evaluation and is a planning tool for the future.

The opening session on Aug. 26 will feature a number of outstanding speakers from across the country. Charles Nash, of SACS's Commission on Colleges will address the topic of "Institutional Effectiveness." Follow-

ing a buffet luncheon, the focus will shift to financial development. John Reed's discussion of "The MFIC Gift Support" will be followed by a financial consultant's views on "Continuing the Development of William Carey College."

Arthur Walker of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission will lead an after-dinner forum on the distinctives of the Christian college. He will introduce the new "Faith and Learning" emphasis being taken by the Commission. Joe Tuten of Jackson will present "Mississippi Baptist's Program of Christian Higher Education."

Throughout the day various members of the Carey family will respond to what is being said.

Mississippi Baptist activities

Aug. 14 Language Missions Day (CoMi Emphasis)

'I heard it through the grapevine'

The 1988-89 school year promises to be an exciting year for the Baptist Student Union at Blue Mountain College. The features in this year's program are:

The Baptist Student Union welcome party will be on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Student Union Building. This party is designed to acquaint students with the many ways they can be involved in the Baptist Student Union. The theme is "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," and a special appearance will be made by the Executive Council Raisins.

Noonday worship is a break in the middle of the weekday for worship and meditation. Noonday involves singing, brief devotions, special music and prayer featuring students, faculty, staff, and local ministers.

On Aug. 23-25 the state student convention will be at First Church, Starkville. Program highlights include speeches by Calvin Miller and Ken Smith and music by Roy Cotton. Bobbie King from Blue Mountain College, who is state BSU vice-president, will be presiding at one of the sessions.

The Baptist Student Union Fall Retreat planned for Oct. 28-30 at Lake Lajoie in Henderson, Tenn., will host Tommy Vinson from Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, as the speaker for the weekend.

Mission Emphasis Week, Oct. 17-21, will feature both home and foreign missionaries, as well as student summer missionaries.

A student led campus revival is scheduled for Jan. 25-26.

Big A Clubs is a ministry led by students for unchurched children in the community. This is jointly sponsored by Lowery Memorial Church.

A Youth Ministry Seminar on April 22 will include conferences for students and youth as well as conferences for youth directors. The conferences will end with a concert that evening.

Leadership Training Conferences, March 31-April 2 is an outstanding weekend where students can attend leadership conferences, hear notable speakers and musicians, and participate in commissioning of student missionaries.

Student summer missionaries give 10 weeks of the summer to serve in various parts of the United States and in foreign countries. This year five Blue Mountain College Students participate in the summer missionary programs.

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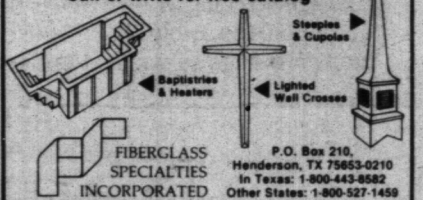
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The Bible never mentions dinosaurs

QUESTION

In the Bible, it never mentions prehistoric animals and cave men. Scientists and archaeologists have found bones, proving they were on earth. But in the Bible, it's like everything starts with Adam. How do you explain this?

ANSWER

As you read the Bible it is important to keep in mind the message which the writer of a certain passage is trying to give. God is the author of the Bible, but He used human beings to write down His

message. So many of the things written in the Bible were put in the terms people of that day would understand.

For instance, the Bible speaks of the four corners of the world. Obviously, in ancient times, everyone assumed the world was flat. We know today the world is round, but we don't get upset over those phrases in the Bible. We know that the writer was not talking about geography, but about God's action in the world.

In the same way, the men who recorded God's message in Genesis had no way of knowing about dinosaurs and fossils. They were not concerned with describing how God created the world nor were they trying to write a history of science. Rather, they were telling us why things are the way they are and who is behind them: namely God. So we don't have to choose between science and faith. God is the source of them both.

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Homecomings

First, Waveland: Aug. 28; 11 a.m., former pastor Lee Burns, now of Biloxi, preaching; dinner on the grounds; afternoon service featuring the Fishermen Quartet; Ray Williams, pastor.

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 14, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship service, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds; afternoon singing service, 1:30; Paul Stupka, Pontotoc, who was licensed to preach by Hebron Church, message; James Allgood, interim pastor, Hebron Church, music; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Walnut (Tippah): Aug. 21; beginning at 10 a.m., dinner on grounds; afternoon singing; Guy T. Garrett Sr., pastor.

Barlowe (Washington): 50th anniversary and homecoming, Aug. 14; service at 10:30 followed by a fellowship lunch and an afternoon service of music; former pastor John West, guest speaker; Bob White, pastor.

Center Ridge, Yazoo City: Aug. 14; third annual; Cornell Daughtry, speaker; John Carley Jr., dinner on the grounds and an afternoon of singing and testimony.

Philipp, Philipp: Aug. 14, 11 a.m.; 65th anniversary; former pastor W.D. Dawkins of Reform, Ala., guest speaker; covered dish dinner and fellowship; C.C. Ard, pastor.

Senior Adult Corner

"The Joyful Noisemakers" of First Church, Starkville, presented a musical program June 23 at First Church, Kosciusko. The 100 present included Kosciusko, First Church's Triple L Senior Adults, and 25 from Starkville. Bill Hood, music professor at Mississippi State University, directed the "Noisemakers." Tanner Riley, minister of music at First, Starkville, was tub player for the washboard band.

David Hulsey, minister of education at First, Kosciusko, commented, "The washboard band was most entertain-

ing. Truly they make 'a joyful noise' or two or three."

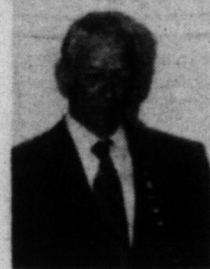
Calvary Church, Greenwood, honored their Senior Adults June 26 with a Senior Recognition Day. The senior adults filled the choir and gave testimonies. Mrs. Sybil Worrell played the special music on her autochord instrument. After the morning service, the church provided a meal for about 55 senior adults. Mrs. Elouise Brunson is the coordinator for the "Keenagers" of Calvary. Josephine Jackson is the president.

Names in the news

C. W. "Clay" Clayburn, 68, of 4642 Casablanca Drive, Jackson, a retired sales manager for McRae's Department Stores, died July 27 of complications after lung surgery in Hinds General Hospital. He was the husband of Mary Lib Clayburn, former employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, now retired. Funeral services were held at 12:30 July 29 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home. Clayburn, a native of Kentucky, was a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Survivors in addition to his wife are two sons, a half brother, and four grandchildren.

L. D. "Joe" Brown from New Albany will be guest evangelist and Norman Smith from Laurel will be music evangelist for revival services at Spring Bank Church, Silas, Ala., Aug. 15-19, at 7 p.m. The church will hold homecoming Aug. 14 with M. M. Hill, former pastor, as guest speaker and the Branchmen Quartet bringing music after a covered dish meal. Stefan Eubanks is pastor.

Charles Belt is a new consultant in general pastoral ministries for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He was pastor of Graceland Church, Memphis. Earlier he was pastor of Forest and Hollandale churches.



Grover Kyle was recently honored by Mt. Vernon Church, in Minter City, for perfect attendance in Sunday School for 27 years.

Kyle



Strengthford Church honored Dan Busby, right, with a reception for 27 years of service as a deacon. Buddy Myers, pastor, presented a plaque from the church.

David A. Millican was honored by the South McComb Church, McComb, July 17 in celebration of his 25th anniversary as pastor. Special services were held both morning and evening reflecting on his work there.

Two National Baptists recently graduated from New Orleans Seminary. They are Mrs. Alvanna Wilson of Canton who received the associate of divinity degree with Willie Hinton of Gulfport who earned the associate of divinity also. He is pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Freeny increases 170% in SS attendance and 200% in enrollment

Freeny Church, rural Leake Association, reached its highest attendance ever in Sunday School on July 3, with 175 in attendance. The next Sunday, July 10, was a high attendance day with a goal of 200 for Sunday School, with an enrollment goal of 300. The attendance was exactly 200, with 307 enrolled. This was up from June of an average of 155 in attendance.

This increase has taken place during the last 17 months since the church entered into the Growth Spiral program, after the pastor, Lee Hudson, and wife Olivia attended the state Spiral meeting at Hattiesburg in February, 1987. In February of this year they attended one at Oxford.

When the church entered the program, the attendance was 74 and the enrollment 100 in Sunday School. Not only have these increased, but there have been ten new units started, and

the offerings have increased in proportion to the growth. Thirty-seven people have made professions of faith and 28 have been baptized during this 17-month period. The Sunday School is using the open-enrollment plan and many of these have come who were first enrolled through open enrollment.

Says Hudson, "Our people were averaging over 150 contacts a week before we reached the high attendance and on the week before the high attendance, over 550 contacts were made. Our Sunday School director, Olin Sanders, has promoted the program from the beginning, and so have many others in our church. We have had the constant encouragement of people in our state office, especially Randy Thompkins, who along with our director of missions, David Satterwhite, have helped guide us to accomplish what we have.



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6	The Bible and Life Sunday School Lesson	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Davey and Goliath Color Me a Rainbow
7	First Love Wendell Estep Changene Lives	Prime Timers Sunshine Factory	Profiles Sunshine Factory	Word of Life Sunshine Factory	Gloria Sunshine Factory	Catch the Spirit Sgt. Preston of the Yukon	Sunshine Factory Sgt. Preston of the Yukon
8	ACTS Methodist Hour	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Long Ranger Cartoon Adventures of the Lone Ranger
9	Come Alive Nelson Price	One in the Spirit Sgt. Preston	Catch the Spirit Sgt. Preston	Truth Alive Ken Herrod Coco Kid Nelson Price	To Be Announced Carnateles	Christian Lifestyle Sgt. Preston of the Yukon	Popcorn Theater
10	Catch the Spirit Sgt. Preston	To Be Announced	What's Happening	What's Happening	Vegetable Soup What's Happening	What's Happening	26 Men
11	Great Churches of America (I)	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Hollywood Review	Jimmy Houston Outdoor Magazine
12	The Baptist Hour	Prime Timers Sunshine Factory	Profiles Sunshine Factory	Word of Life Sunshine Factory	Gloria Sunshine Factory	Plant Groom Wade	Plant Groom Wade
1	Sunday Selection	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	The Bible and Life Sunday School Lesson
2	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	Davey and Goliath Color Me a Rainbow
3	Love Worth Finding Adrian Rogers	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory Sgt. Preston of the Yukon
4	Joy of Music Christopher Clayburn	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Shippy, the Bush Kiddo Lasse	Long Ranger Cartoon Adventures of the Lone Ranger
5	Making Life Count Arthur Calandro The Bible and Life	Adventures of The Lone Ranger 26 Men	Great Churches of America (I)	Carnateles Vegetable Soup	Great Churches of America (II)	Sgt. Preston Coco Kid	Popcorn Theater
6	Insight ACTS Methodist Hour	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	Country Crossroads
7	Life Together Sgt. Preston	Profiles	Word of Life	Gloria	Catch the Spirit	Prime Timers	Long Out America
8	The Baptist Hour	Joy of Music Christopher Clayburn	Catch the Spirit Sgt. Preston	For These Times Robert White	Invitation to Life	Strength for Life Ken Hemphill	Great Churches of America (II)
9	Richards Jackson	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	In Concert
10	To Be Announced Christopher Clayburn	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	The Baptist Hour	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	Bobby Jones Gospel Light-Me
11	The Bible and Life Sunday School Lesson	Adventures of The Lone Ranger 26 Men	Great Churches of America (I)	The Bible and Life Sunday School Lesson	Great Churches of America (II)	Light-Me	Pinpoint Theater
12	COPE	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	26 Men
1	Profiles	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Hollywood Review
2	ACTS Methodist Hour	Profiles	Word of Life	Gloria	Catch the Spirit	Prime Timers	Long Out America
3	Christopher Clayburn Sunday Selection	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	Ecstasy Theater	Long Out America
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Just for the Record



"His Witnesses," the youth choir of Parkway, Natchez, recently returned from a ten-day tour which included stops in New York City, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, where they spent four days at a retreat area. While on tour the group presented "The Witness." Their home concert was on Sunday, July 17. Adults accompanying the choir were Randy Turner, Buddy Casey, Kathy Casey, Roger Littleton, and Barbara Tuttle.

First Church, New Albany, recognized its Acteens in a special service on June 8. Pictured are the Acteens in center row, with escorts directly behind them and bearers in front. From left, queens are Karen Bryant (escort, Brady Hamilton and bearer Jennifer Owen); Shawna Brown (escort Lugie Brown, bearer, Beth Amos); Sarah Miller (escort Michael Bennett, bearer Lauren Coltharp); Darlene Thornburg (escort Brit Floyd, bearer Carrie Feather). Queens with scepter are Kim Sims (escort Eli Anding, escort Chase Sims); Meline Allred (escort Joey Mardis, bearer Tina Campbell); Catherine Archer (escort Charles Archer, bearer Mary Alice Archer); Lori Koon (escort Arthur Koon, bearer Amy Littlejohn); Dee Anne

Churchill (escort Eric Sumrall, bearer Katie Grisham). Queen regents are Jennifer Love (escort Carlton Love, bearer Rachel Ronney); Denise Alexander (escort Kevin Dobbs, bearer Sara Beth Parks); Stephanie Fowler (escort Edgar Fowler, bearer Elizabeth Sing). Queen regent in service are Denise Dulaney (escort Jay Mitchell, bearer Clay Hardy); Amy Autry (escort Lanny Autry, bearer Katherine Skinner); Alison McGill, (escort Todd Brown, bearer Ben Kitchens). Service aides are Tahya Anding (escort Dan Didler, escort Jennifer Joslin); and Doll Fowler (escort Sean Milner, bearer Laura Parsons).

Mrs. Jane Goode is Acteen director and Mrs. Bonnie Gamel is associate director.

The youth of First Church, New Augusta went to Ridgecrest, N.C., July 1 to attend Centrifuge '88. On their way back, they stopped at Six Flags in Atlanta, Ga. The group returned home July 10.

Jeannine Garner was the trip coordinator and fund-raising chairperson. Kenneth Sharp is minister of music and youth.

Forty youth and adults from Oakland Church, Corinth, recently conducted a youth retreat to Panama City, Fla. The group was led in Bible study and evangelistic evening services by Chris Campbell, camp pastor. Two youth were saved and many lives were rededicated. Fun events included a day at Shipwreck Island Water Park and a variety show on the last evening.



Friends . . . Forever, will be presented Aug. 14, at 3 p.m. by KOINONIA — a youth and young adult ensemble of Sandy Hook Baptist Church and Sandy Hook United Methodist Church. It is about relationships that ranges from peer pressure, to communicating with parents, to spiritual commitment. The musical, under the direction of Steve Howard, minister of music/youth, will be performed on stage at the Wesley Center of the First United Methodist Church, Columbia. Members of the cast are Melanie Boone, Kris Cameron, Lesley Cameron, Ryan Dew, Wendy Dew, Michelle Hartford, Steve Howard, Karesa Magee, Bobbie Regan, Wayne Regan, Donna Roberts, Freddy Roberts, Lucretia Smith, William Smith, Danelle Stafford, Lana Turnage, Daryl Warren, Lisa Warren, Ginny Warren, Frances Warren, Jed Warren, John Warren, and Tonya White.

Corinth Church, Heidelberg, recently had Vacation Bible School. The total enrollment of 116, with daily average attendance was 106. The offering received was \$79.00. Roy Boney was director. Johnny Breazeale is pastor.

Vacation Bible School was held July 18-22 at Magees Creek Church, located in Walthall County, with Commencement services on Sunday night, July 24. John Purvis is pastor.

A couples building will be dedicated Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. at Dorroh Lake Baptist Assembly. The building is to be dedicated to the memory of L.J. Brewer who spearheaded the building efforts. The building has 20 bedrooms, a canopy connecting to the chapel, and a deck overlooking the lake. Dorroh Lake Baptist Assembly is owned and operated by Webster County Baptists.

Emmanuel Church, Biloxi, held Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 74. There were seven professions of faith in Jesus Christ and an offering of \$132.52 taken. The girls won a "Pennies for Jesus" contest.

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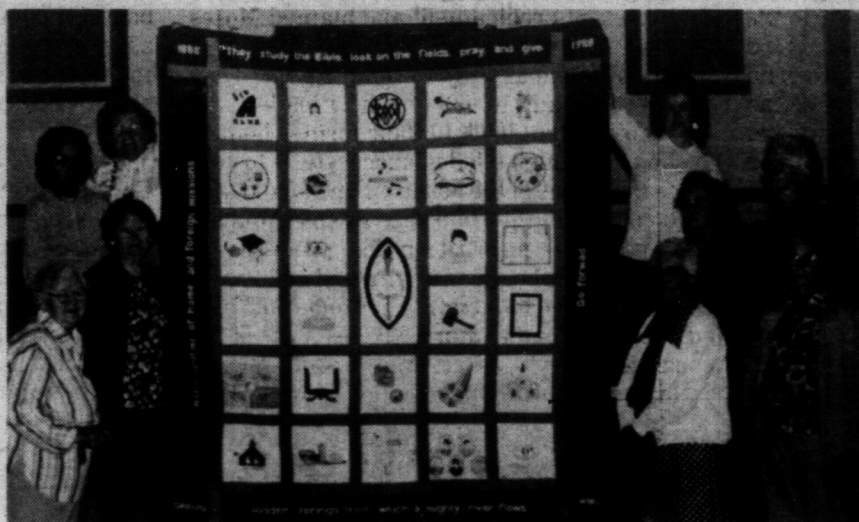
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These women of Gillsburg Church celebrated the WMU centennial by making a quilt showing the emblems used by the WMU throughout its history. Left to right are Lois Stewart, Bessie Bell Wilson, Joan Newman, Marie Wilson, Joyce Pearson, Polly Wilson, Stella Walker, Maggie Gordon, and Midian Lawson.



Rock Hill (Rankin) Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women made and quilted a WMU centennial quilt, which will be hung in the church's fellowship hall. Violet Kersh, a member of Rock Hill Church and the Rankin associational WMU director, created the little old-fashioned lady pictured at right.



Thirty-five adults, teenagers and children had a celebration ceremony and graduation service to honor their completion of a three month Church Training course called Survival Kit. The service took place at Shady Grove First Church in Heidelberg. All graduates received diplomas or certificates and graduation candles as reminders to the students to practice what they learned in their course. Sharber Smith is pastor.

Wall builders work together, against great odds

By Steve Odom

Nehemiah 2:17-18; 4:15-20

In their one-volume introduction to the Bible, Gerald Hughes and Stephen Travis have pointed out that some of history's most dramatic events have been played out on the stage which is the city of Jerusalem. Even today it remains a place of world interest. It would be safe to say that Jerusalem has been besieged, destroyed, and rebuilt as much as, if not more than, any other famous city. Empires like those of Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, and Rome viewed the capture of Jerusalem as a crucial part of their empire-building strategy in the Near East. Jerusalem is located on a hilltop over a constant water supply which meant it could be easily fortified and defended. Yet, even at that, the history of this sacred city is covered with the dust of crumbling walls.

The Old Testament book of Nehemiah continues the story of the exiles and their return to Jerusalem which was begun in the book of Ezra. As a matter of fact, many scholars



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believe that the books of Ezra and Nehemiah are really one book which was written as a supplement to I and II Chronicles, which is itself a supplement to the priestly history of Israel found in Genesis through Numbers. The material in Ezra-Nehemiah is worth much to us because it contains the only biblical account of the period after the return from Babylonian exile.

Nehemiah lived in Susa, one of the Persian royal capitals, where he served as cupbearer to King Artaxerxes. Upon receiving word from Jerusalem that the city's walls were broken down, Nehemiah mourned for days. He decided that with the king's permission, and under God's leadership, he would go to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. Rebuilding would be no small task because governors of surrounding provinces were opposed to the fortification of Jerusalem for fear that it might become a formidable opponent. After arriving in Jerusalem and secretly inspecting the condition of the walls, Nehemiah called the city to cooperate in rebuilding the walls (2:17). Though the odds were against their success, the people of

Jerusalem rallied behind Nehemiah and "put their hands to the good work" (2:18).

Nehemiah possessed something that enabled him to undertake such a monumental task and inspire his fellow Jews to cooperate in accomplishing the task. He possessed loyalty and courage. Nehemiah's body was in Susa, but his deepest loyalty was in Jerusalem, the city of his forebears. Time and distance had not diminished his intense concern for the well-being of his people and homeland.

There are some things in life worthy of our undying loyalty. Our denomination is something worthy of our undying loyalty, not because it is inherently deserving, but because God has chosen to use Southern Baptists for his gracious purposes. The genius of our denomination has always been loyalty to the common purpose of spreading the good news of God's love in Christ to all people everywhere. No matter where our bodies may be, in Mississippi or Malaysia, in Alaska or Angola, our loyalty must always remain in keeping alive our common purpose. What else could possibly keep all of us working together?

Then there was Nehemiah's courage. Sometimes it takes courage to do the obvious,

like ask for what we want and then do what needs to be done. Nehemiah asked the king to send him to Jerusalem to help his people. He was granted the request. Then he acted. He went to Jerusalem and, in the face of overwhelming odds, did what he was ridiculed for attempting to do. He rallied the people, rebuilt the walls and secured the city.

Nehemiah's courage was contagious. When he dared to take his stand for a worthy cause, the people of Jerusalem followed his lead without hesitation. They were so courageous as to rebuild the walls with one hand and defend each other with the other hand (4:16-18). What a picture of cooperation! They were concerned for the work of God and the well-being of one another. Isn't it curious how the walls come tumbling down when we try one without the other? Isn't it glorious how both together build walls of indomitable strength?

Undying loyalty to a worthy cause and courage in the face of opposition are seeds that bear the fruit of cooperation. Working together under God, we can build, or rebuild, anything against great odds.

Steve Odom is pastor, University, Hattiesburg.

Moses prays, intercedes for the people

By Robert Earl Shirley

Numbers 14:1-15

The 13th chapter of the book of Numbers describes a crisis moment in the life of Israel in the journey with God through the wilderness.



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At this point in their history, they were forced to decide if one can truly believe all of the promises of God and whether one can depend on him regardless of what the present situation might be.

As the people came to the borders of Canaan, God commanded Moses to send out spies from each of the tribes to determine the nature of the land and the strength of the inhabitants. There could have been no doubt that God had promised them and brought them to a wonderful place filled with rich fruit, a land flowing with milk and honey. There could also have been no doubt as to his presence, for his glory had been manifested by the presence of the cloud and by the seemingly-impossible victories that had already been accomplished.

On the other hand, the people were a formidable group, and the cities were strong and well fortified. The report of ten of the returning scouts was that it would be impossible to possess the land in the face of such opposition. Only Caleb and Joshua offered the encouragement that they would be well able to conquer it.

Just as they had been guilty in the past, the congregation cried out, grumbled, and deplored their present predicament and blamed Moses and Aaron for not leaving them alone and allowing them to die as they were, in Egypt. They were even ready to select a new leader who would lead them back to their former homes. Joshua and Caleb tried unsuccessfully to convince the people of the goodness and abundance of the land that they had seen as spies and encourage them to trust in the promises of Jehovah. Since he was with them, there was no need to fear the inhabitants nor to be concerned about food in the future. The response of the congregation was an attempt to stone them.

God's reaction to this rebellion on the part of

his people was to bemoan the fact that they continued to refuse his blessings and trust his words and to declare that he would send a pestilence and destroy them. In their place, he would make of Moses a great nation. Once again, Moses placed the honor of God and the fate of his followers before his own interests and interceded on behalf of Israel.

His initial plea was that to destroy the people would make Jehovah appear weak in the eyes of Egypt and the other pagan nations. Why could not that one who could free Israel from bondage complete his work and lead them to possess the land that he had promised them? In the 18th verse, Moses appeals to God's greatness in an effort to get him to exercise his mercy.

Here is one of the loftiest descriptions of God's nature found in the Old Testament. The Lord is indeed longsuffering and slow to anger, abundant in mercy and loving-kindness. He is ready and anxious to forgive our sins, but this does not mean he can close his eyes to sin and ignore one's guilt. Pardon was granted as a result of Moses' intercession, but as a consequence of their rebellion, they were not allow-

ed to enter the land. Even today, we see forgiven Christians, and their families as well, continuing to suffer as a result of sins committed long ago.

There are two important points to note in Jehovah's pardoning of Israel. The first is that it was the result of Moses' intercession and not of the request of the people themselves. The second is that it was concerning God's carrying out of his plan to completely destroy them. We are not dealing here with the providing of salvation in the sense that we commonly refer to the word today. Personal salvation as it relates to eternal forgiveness for one's sin requires personal conviction, confession, and conversion. However, Moses' plea and God's response will surely encourage Christians in every generation to pray for both the lost and fellow-Christians in their time of trouble, for those who labor day by day for Christ, and for the lost that the Holy Spirit will so touch their hearts that they will respond affirmatively to God's invitation to accept both his forgiveness and the life that only Christ can give.

Bob Shirley is pastor emeritus, Parkway, Tupelo.

Jesus judges the scribes and the Pharisees

By Frank H. Thomas, Jr.

Matthew 23:1-39

Jesus turned his attention from the religious leaders to the crowds of people and to his disciples. His purpose was to warn them against



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the example set by the religious leaders of the day and especially to warn them against the hypocrisy practiced by the scribes and Pharisees and the rejection of Jesus which this hypocrisy implied. This passage may be divided into three parts: A warning against the example of the scribes and Pharisees (23:1-12), woes upon the scribes and Pharisees (23:13-36), and lament over Jerusalem (23:37-39).

In the first section, Jesus spoke of the scribes and Pharisees. Luke's gospel is rather clear to keep the distinction between these two groups, but Matthew frequently lumps them together and more or less considers them as the same. Actually, the scribes were originally priests going back to the time of Ezra who were the interpreters of the Jewish law. Later scribes were laymen. The Pharisees were a group of about

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6,000 Jewish laymen who meticulously sought to carry out the rulings handed down by the scribes over the years. The seat of Moses referred to in verse 2 would refer to an actual chair in a synagogue, symbolizing the beginning point and the authority of scribal teaching. All of this of course was traced back to Moses himself.

The chief charge against the scribes and Pharisees is stated in verse 3. They would say and teach one thing and practice something else. They were hypocrites, and Jesus did not hesitate to call them such.

The heavy burdens referred to in verse 4 has to do with the meticulous observation of religious ceremonies, rites of purification, and festivals. They sought to load one's life down with these meticulous observances, and really did nothing at all to help people to live in such a way that would be helpful to them.

The Pharisees and scribes had some primary failings: One of these was that they practiced their piety openly to be seen by others. The phylacteries were leather cases worn upon the forehead and upon the left arm. These leather cases contained scripture written on strips of

vellum. They were worn to be seen by people.

Another failing of the scribes and Pharisees was their love for attention, recognition, special privilege, and titles. In verses 6-10, Jesus criticized their love for the places of honor at feasts, for titles of authority such as rabbi or master, and for other special recognition. By these desires, they indicated a lack of attention to what Jesus considered important. That is, in the kingdom of God, there were to be no over-and-under relationships among the Lord's disciples, but all were brothers. The Lord himself was the master, and all of his followers were to be brothers, learners, and servants.

The second of these passages deals with woes upon the scribes and Pharisees. Some have suggested that these woes are rather severe and reflect not so much the words of Jesus himself as the conflict between the church and the synagogue. Jesus did, however, have conflict with the scribes and Pharisees. His severest criticism and condemnation were against these blind leaders of the blind. In verse 23, he accused the scribes and Pharisees of giving meticulous attention to the minor portions of the law and failing to give proper attention to the more important matters of the law, which to Jesus were justice, mercy, and faith.

Jesus was quite critical of their attention to the outward life and their failure to give attention to the impurity of the inward life, especially of the heart. The inward life of the Pharisees and scribes was described as extortion and excess, which was nothing less than robbery and lack of self-control.

In short, religion of the Jews in the time of Jesus was in serious condition. Jesus is pictured at the end of the chapter as lamenting the condition of Jerusalem. His desire had been to save and to gather together Israel, but Israel had been recalcitrant and had refused to be gathered together. Because of the refusal of Israel to respond to the overtures of the Lord, he had left her forsaken and desolate. This amounts to a condemnation of Jewish religious leaders and Jewish religious life. The condemnation was based upon their rejection of Jesus and of his leading as much as anything else. In our own day and time, we fall prey to the same temptations of the scribes and Pharisees. Therefore, attention must be given continually to internal spiritual renewal and that living relationship to the living Lord.

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Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



"Go and look behind the Ranges"

Something hidden. Go and find it. Go
and look behind the Ranges —
Something lost behind the Ranges.
Lost and waiting for you. Go!
— Kipling

"Like the eagle, unless one spreads his wings and soars, he will never see more than the bars of his cage — much less be able to experience what lies beyond the ranges." Jamie Buckingham wrote that. And he also said, "The call of spiritual adventure grows louder the closer we move to God."

Two years ago, in Nepal, the land of Himalayan ranges, I met a man who has the daring of the eagle, the strength of the mountain climber, the courage to be a spiritual adventurer.

Last winter I was amazed to find myself again in Nepal. When I and my six fellow travelers arrived at the Kathmandu airport, Joan Peterson and I expected that he would meet us, but we didn't see him. We engaged two taxi drivers, who began to stuff our bags into their cars. Then, from behind an old blue van parked in the midst of taxis and milling drivers, darted Solon. He was dressed, like most of the other drivers, in jeans and a plaid cotton shirt. "Anne! Joan!" he called softly. "Quick. Tell your friends to come with me." His black hair was combed low on his forehead and he wore dark glasses, so I had the feeling that he was in disguise. He did not say another word until he had shepherded us all into the van and closed its doors. Then he turned from the front seat, removed his glasses, and said, "Welcome, sisters and brothers!"

"That every person in Nepal may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ by the year 2000." That is the goal he holds ever before him. But to be a witnessing Christian disciple, he has to count the cost. Nepalese law says that anyone who propagates any faith other than Hinduism may be jailed for six years and anyone who changes his or her religion may be jailed for one year. Solon, a Nepali novelist and former university professor, is now a full-time writer and translator of Christian literature which he helps to distribute all over Nepal.

In the sunshine I was warm enough. In the small garden behind the Shangri-La Hotel, pansies and azaleas blossomed; a parakeet hopped about in a tree. But in my brick-walled, brown-carpeted room, where a Hindu "god" looked down on me from the wall, I thought that night I would freeze. I slept in long underwear, a wool sweater, knitted wool house shoes, and under two blankets, and never did get warm.

Next morning Solon and two other young men came in cars to drive us up into the mountains. Nepal claims to have more religious festivals than any country in the world; at Bhaktapur one was in progress. Winding down a narrow street packed with people, our driver did not decrease speed. I covered my eyes with my hand and braced myself to feel the impact of car against bodies.



A little girl in Bhaktapur, Nepal, begs to have her picture made.

But the people parted before us, like the waves of the Red Sea.

A parade zigzagging around Hindu shrines featured images of gods transported in carts, under festive umbrellas. As I walked through the square, three little girls, about 9 or 10 years old, their faces made up with lipstick, rouge, and eye shadow, followed, begging me to take their pictures and give them some money. One was so cute I could not resist. Then another absolutely would not leave until I had done the same for her.

Patan, twin city of Kathmandu, is just across the Bagmati River. "The city of a thousand golden roofs" is full of elaborate temples, both Buddhist and Hindu. When Solon pointed out a palace of kings, at least 300 years old, he said part of it is now a police station. "That is where _____ (a Christian leader) was taken before the authorities when he was arrested," he said.

On a high peak looking toward Everest, we saw villages scattered below on mountain terraces. Solon pointed out some of the steep trails he has climbed to carry God's Word. Depending on God for deliverance from danger and protection from persecutors, he has crossed streams with no bridges and walked along the edges of frightful cliffs. When trails ran out, he has crawled through thick undergrowth to reach isolated villages. At close of day, he has sometimes found food and shelter hard to locate. One day, only an hour

or two after he and his three teammates had left a village, policemen came searching for them. (In Nepal, the Christian churches are not divided into denominations. The nation claims to have religious freedom, but that's only as long as everyone keeps the same religion he's always had. Missionaries are permitted to enter to do work such as social and medical, and not to try to win souls. Southern Baptists have two there.)

Yet, in spite of the threat of jail, many have become believers. Though the government says Nepal has 4,000 Christians, Solon told me two years ago there were at least 30,000. Early this year, he said the number is now nearer to 60,000.

When I was back home again, I received a prayer request from Solon: "A couple of days ago, about 14 faithfuls were arrested for the gospel's sake in Nepal. Please uphold them for His joy and strength within jails, and for strength and encouragement for their family members. Please pray for new hope, new zeal, and confidence in the King of Kings to fill the hearts of the many believers currently either in custody or in jail with cases against them or otherwise under threat because of their faith in Christ."

In many countries I have met people who have told me of their dream of one day coming to America. On the Fourth of July, I re-read the Declaration of Independence. And I counted my blessings.

The calls came ringing on the toll-free lines

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE (BP) — Free calls to the Sunday School Board have increased 107 percent over the past four months.

The new toll-free number was installed for customers to order

literature or virtually anything the board produces or sells.

The month of May was a real eye-opener in the customer service center, when the 30 operators answered 16,033 calls.

Devotional

Giving what we cannot keep — gaining what we can never lose

By Tommy Vinson

"What's your favorite Bible story?" a preschool Sunday School teacher asked her class of bright eyed five-year-olds. "I like the one about Noah and the ark," responded one. "I like the one about David killing the giant," said another. "And which one do you like Jimmy?" asked the teacher. "I like the one about the multitude that loafed and fished." "I suppose we all like that one!"

The account of a little boy giving his loaves and fishes to Jesus is profoundly simple, and simply profound. Since our Lord led each gospel writer to include this story in his narrative, we can safely assume he has something significant to communicate to us through it.

First, we must view our problems as opportunities to trust God. Jesus precipitated a problem in the lives of his disciples when he told them, "Give ye them to eat." There was only one problem: they had no food. Jack Taylor has suggested that Jesus placed a demand on their lives for which they had no supply. It seems that he had arbitrarily engineered this situation so that they would learn to turn to him in a crisis situation. What's your first reaction in a crisis?

Have you ever had a demand made upon your life for which you had no supply? Perhaps the Lord is impressing upon your heart to forgive, or love, or be patient with someone. In all honesty you have to say, "Lord, I'm out of those spiritual commodities." It's time to view your problem as an opportunity to trust God.

Second, we must appropriate resources outside of ourselves. When Jesus said, "How many loaves have you?" it revealed a paucity of resources.

Those loaves and fishes would never have successfully satisfied that hungry multitude. That is, unless and until the Lord Jesus intervened in a creative way. They must be made into more than they were when he got them. That's what he does for the yielded believer today. To live the Christian life effectively requires a dynamic which we don't have until we bring the loaves and fishes of our lives to Jesus. Sidlow Baxter suggests four things which will happen when we do this.

First, he will accept us as offered, regardless of how small or insignificant we may seem. Second, he will bless us when we present ourselves to him. This means he will put something (someone) in us which wasn't there when he got us (1 Cor. 6:19). Third, he will break us. Like the seal on the tomb which was broken when Jesus arose. Like Mary's alabaster box which was broken to let out the fragrant perfume. So must our lives be broken of self-centeredness, pride, and rebellion. Then fourth, he will use us. Like the loaves and fishes, he will use us to elevate the opinions that men have about who Jesus is and what he can do. Have you let him take you, bless you, break you, and use you?

Jim Elliott, the missionary who was martyred by the Auca Indians in the late 1950's, was right when he wrote: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to gain what he can never lose."

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Staff changes

Cowan Road Church, Gulf Coast, has called J. Merrick Henry as pastor. Henry has been pastor of First Church, Melville, La. since 1981.

Success Church, Gulf Coast, has called John Sapp of Lumberton as pastor. He and his wife, Paula, have two sons, Tommy and Joey.

Georgetown pastor, Joe Barber, has resigned and moved to a pastorate in Tennessee.



Robertson

Dan Robertson has been called as pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc. A Union County native, he is former pastor of Parkview Church, Greenville.

Eddie Cooper has resigned as pastor of First Church, Oxford, and has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Kenner, La. He had served in Oxford for almost six years.

Sardis Church, Covich County, has called Charlie Lofton as pastor. He is to be ordained on Aug. 7 at New Zion.

Rex Ard has resigned as pastor of Macedonia Church, Pontotoc County.

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